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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Governor Aycock was present at the first session yesterday of the Southern Educational Association. —— Bradstreet reports the business situation quiet. —— The Census Bureau reports the total number of bales of cotton ginned up to December 13th 11,971,477 bales. —— Labor unions at Fall River voted to continue the strike against reduction of wages in cotton mills. —— Wm. K. Achley, a planter, near Columbus, Ga., was shot by his wife while he was attempting to strike her with a chair. —— Russians at Port Arthur report that the fortress cannot resist after December; the Sevastopol is completely disabled. —— Admiral Togo and Vice Admiral Kamimura arrived in Tokio and were received with an ovation; they will remain about a week perfecting plans for future operations. —— There is great activity at Vladivostok in preparation for the arrival of the Russian Pacific squadron. —— The president and cashier of the First National bank of Connant, Ohio, have been arrested for violation of the banking laws. —— President Taylor, of the National Ginners' Association, says the government report of the cotton crop is totally incorrect. —— May Irwin, the actress, has offered to furnish bail for the release of Nan Patterson. —— Several persons reported killed in a riot at Indiana Harbor, Ind. —— Car shops of the Union Traction Co., Chicago burned; loss large. —— Fierce gale on the coas of England; a number of marine disasters are reported. —— N. Y. markets; Money on call was quoted higher t 3@5 per cent; flour was quiet, but steady; wheat—spot irregular, No. 2 red nominal; corn—spot steady, No. 2 55¼c.; oats—spot quiet, mixed. 26@32 pounds, 35¼@36¼c.; cotton was quiet at 6 95; rosin steady, strained common to good $2.82½; spirits turpentine quiet at 52¼@53.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 30.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 30; 8 P. M., 42 degrees; maximum, 55 degrees; minimum 29 degrees; mean 42 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since first of the month to date, 1.74 inches.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—For North Carolina: Fair and somewhat warmer Saturday; Sunday increasing cloudiness; light winds, mostly west.

Port Almanac—December 31.

Sun Rises	7.11 A. M.
Sun Sets	4 55 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 46 M.
High Water at Southport	3.21 P. M.
High Water at Wilmington	5.51 P. M.

The leap year girls are notified that the open season for buds closes to-day.

No woman is ever persuaded that her husband's chum is any better than he is.

If the drop in cotton had only been a "drop in the bucket" all would be well.

Of all acrobatic stunts the South would rather witness any other than the tumble of cotton.

President Harper of the Chicago University, says not enough young men are entering the ministry.

If reports are true, our diplomatic corps has reason to believe that President Roosevelt intends to make it a diplomatic corpse.

Sumter, S. C., has two dailies, the Evening News and the Daily Item. If the two were consolidated we would have a News Item sure.

A Salem, Mass., woman is suing her husband for a divorce because he kicked her with his wooden leg. This will be her wooden divorce, won't it?

The "Ambidextrous Society" has been organized in London and no doubt branches will be organized in the United States. The society encourages the use of doing any kind of work with both hands and it means lots to a married woman when she makes up her mind to take the old man in hand.

Col. Bill Greene keeps on kicking about losing four million dollars in the copper slump caused by Tom Lawson. Bill should cheese the racket. This is the first time we ever gave it away that we lost ten million dollars once by not having enough money to get on the winning side of the market.

The Washington Post tells us that the Dawes Commission has made "reports for six years" concerning the division of Indian lands. We began the division soon after Columbus landed and many people will be surprised that we have overlooked any Indian land worth having.

A cablegram announces that the Poles are fleeing from Russian army conscription. About 2,000 arrived by one of the ocean liners which got into Philadelphia last Saturday. The Poles ought to come south to help us knock down the luscious persimmon, so to speak.

Some postmasters of the one-wife kind in Idaho have complained to the Post Office Department that some of the Mormon postmasters have from three to half a dozen wives. The one-wifers are at a disadvantage because the Mormon postmasters have more assistance in handling the mails.

LOCAL DOTS.

—A Fortune Party will be given to-night in Hibernian Hall to a number of Wilmington young people.

—Rev. Mr. Byrd, of South Carolina, will preach at Bladen Street M. E. church Sunday morning and night.

—The "Comic Stars," a local colored military organization of bygone days, has reorganized and will take part in an emancipation celebration on Monday.

—A sensational melodrama of Western life by Lincoln J. Carter, entitled "The Flaming Arrow," will be seen at the Academy of Music Monday night January 9th.

—One of the prettiest calendars of the season from an artistical standpoint, is that one being sent out by Mr. J. W. Plummer, Jr., for a copy of which the STAR returns thanks.

—By deed filed for record yesterday, George Harriss and wife transferred to W. B. McClellan and wife, for $150, ten acres of land in Harnett township adjoining lands of Oscar Pearsall and others.

—The new pastor of Southside Baptist Church, the Rev. W. H. Davis, of Fayetteville, was expected to have arrived last night and will occupy his pulpit to-morrow morning and evening at the usual hours.

—For throwing stones at other boys in the vicinity of Eighth and Market streets Thursday afternoon, Luther Williams, colored, 13 years old, was fined $5 and costs by the Mayor yesterday. The boy was arrested by Officer M. P. Newton.

—Rev. J. Marvin Culbreth, the talented young pastor of Market Street M. E. church, last night delivered the first of a series of lectures to be given under the auspices of Grace Epworth League. The address was in the lecture room of Grace M. E. church.

—With its characteristic enterprise, the Clarendon Water Works Company is distributing to patrons a fetching little calendar for the new year. On the back of the calendar is given the location of the fire alarm boxes, engine houses and the names of municipal authorities having to do with the Fire Department.

—The cotton market developed a little strength yesterday, based on the fact that the full ginners' report was not as bearish as early synopses seemed to indicate. Futures were up a little and New York spot gained ten points, closing quiet at 6.95. The local market was only nominal with receipts of 431 bales against 428 same day last year.

—A familiar countenance will beam upon the Mayor from the prisoner's dock in the police court to-day at noon. The defendant will be Henderson Hayes, habitual inebriate, who was picked up early last night at Sixth and Castle streets by Policeman J. J. Moore. Henderson has been before the present and past mayors more times than he has fingers and toes, and takes to the county roads like a duck to water.

DRUIDS REMEMBERED POOR.

Substantial Gifts and Delicacies of Season Distributed Last Night.

Mindful of the poor in their midst and desirous of doing something in recompense for a year's blessing and prosperity showered upon themselves, members of Linden Grove No. 2, United Ancient Order of Druids, last night assembled 100 of the most deserving and less fortunate of the city and entertained them for a short while with Christmas delicacies, later presenting to each and everyone some thing substantial in the way of clothing, shoes, and the necessaries of life. It was a splendid act by a splendid and charitable organization and the members who contributed to the affair will long be remembered by those whose hearts were gladdened and their sufferings alleviated last night.

Mr. A. J. Marshall, chairman of the arrangement committee presided at the gathering. Other members of the committee were: Messrs. Paul Chase, W. W. King, Wm. B. Schuler, George Zeigler and D. M. Beardsley.

SOUTHERN ELECTRIC COMPANY.

Incorporated by Secretary of State and Organization Effected Yesterday.

The Southern Electric Company, of this city, recently chartered by the Secretary of State, with a paid in capital stock of $4,000 to do a general electrical business, organized yesterday by the election of Mr. J. O. Brock, president, and Mr. John Hall, secretary and treasurer. The business of the corporation will be dealing in mechanical and electrical supplies, doing general construction work and installing electric, gas and other lighting plants. The corporation is chartered for 30 years and the amount of stock held by each, the shares being $100, are as follows: J. O. Brock and John Hall, 19 each; L. E. Hall, two shares. The capital stock may be increased from time to time to $25,000. The stockholders are in no wise responsible for the obligations of the corporation.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Academy—Lyric Stock Company.
C. W. Polvogt Co.—Always busy.
Wilmington Grocery—Happy New Year.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Lost—Pocketbook.
Wanted—Salesman.

THE SALOON LICENSE.

Action of Board of Aldermen Thursday Night Was Much Discussed Yesterday.

SOME POSSIBLE LEGISLATION.

Anti-Saloon Leader Points Out Some Bills That Will be Asked by Both Sides. Dealers, Involved in Local Complications, in a Quandary.

The increase of the city liquor license by the Board of Aldermen Thursday night from $364 to $600 per year, effective May 1st of the new year, was a prolific source of speculation on the streets here yesterday.

"Was the manner of the adoption by the Board legal?"

"Are the dealers satisfied with the compromise?"

"How many of them will continue in business under the increase and what amount of additional revenue will be derived by the city?"

Those were the questions oft proposed and answered on the streets in various ways during the day. A variety of opinions were expressed. As to the legality of the passage of the resolution some doubt was expressed among lawyers but invariably an opinion upon that subject was followed with an inquiry suggesting an answer, "What's the difference anyway? The Board of Aldermen has plenty of time to meet again and reiterate its action half a dozen times and wipe all the technicalities out of the way."

At least a dozen were interviewed as to what they thought of the increase. Some said they had no kick coming; they could live at the business if anybody else could. Others were of the opinion that the number of dealers would not be cut down in the least and the $600 license would make it a cut-throat business for all with no profit for anybody. A few of that class said they would prefer a $1,000 rate, for then the number of dealers would be considerably reduced and those who paid the $1,000 license would get something in return by increased sales. Still others preferred not to express an opinion and there were those yet who said it all depended upon what the Legislature was going to do. If the Legislature preferred to still further enrich Virginia dealers at the expense of North Carolina consumers by the iniquitous anti-jug law, which was passed by accident, it would matter little what increase of the license the city made, there were many who could not stand any increase.

As to the number of dealers who will continue in business after the increase goes into effect May 1st, there is a difference of opinion. Some say that there will be a very material decrease in the number of dealers at the $600 rate; others say all of them will come up at the proper time. Exclusive of purchase tax and running expenses, under the increase to $600, all dealers will have to pay a tax of $1,025 of which $600 will go to the city, $200 each to the State and county and $25 to the Federal government. How many will be able to pay that sum? That is the line of reasoning most every one pursues when approached on the subject. As to increased revenue for the city, it is stated that the municipality now receives a little over $17,000 per year from 64 dealers. Should the number be reduced to 50, the increase would be from $17,000 to $30,000, or nearly 100 per cent.

Probable Legislation.

State Chairman J. W. Bailey, of the Anti-Saloon League in North Carolina, has just issued a statement in which he says he anticipates the following bills, affecting temperance, which will be offered at the forthcoming session of the Legislature by the liquor interests:

(1) To repeal the Watts Act.

(2) To make the county—not the municipality—the voting unit in local option.

(3) To make the township—not the municipality—the voting unit in local option.

(4) A bill will be introduced to repeal the present anti-jug law; and a determined effort will be made to carry it. The present law was enacted by accident. But if it shall survive a square fight, it may no longer be regarded as an accidental law.

Some of the bills which will be urged by the Anti-Saloon forces Chairman Bailey outlines as follows.

A bill will be introduced to limit the number of dispensaries in a county to one. To honeycomb the commonwealth with dispensaries is a poor scheme of temperance. Any little cross-roads that stands in need of revenue may set up a dispensary, and in the end we should be in no better condition than in the day of the bar room.

One dispensary in a county—and that only where conditions make it a desirable substitute—is enough.

A bill will be introduced to apply the prohibitory feature of the Watts Act to towns of five hundred population or less. This is in keeping with the principle of the Watts Act, as declared by the Democratic platform—namely, that bar rooms and distilleries should not be allowed to carry on their traffic in insufficiently policed districts. A town of five hundred population is but little better policed than a rural district.

"Moreover, this bill will wipe out the disgrace of the incorporation of whiskey distilleries and bar rooms, such as Williams, Shore and certain points in Edgecombe and other counties. It will put an end, too, to this sort of evasion of the Watts Act."

Is it a nice tie, suspenders, a hose, collars, cuffs or anything else in the gents' furnishing line for Christmas? Our friends tell us they never saw a prettier line of such goods as are now open at our store. Come early to get best selections. This is the place: "At the Sign of the Golden Arm," I. Shrier, northeast corner of Front and Princess.

COUNTY GRANTS LICENSE.

Applications of Liquor Dealers Very Diligently Examined at Special Meeting Yesterday Afternoon.

The Board of County Commissioners in special session yesterday afternoon made a very thorough examination of the applications for renewal of liquor licenses for the six months ensuing Jan. 1st, 1905, and granted all of them, with two additional ones, at the Wrightsville Sound Summer resort, as provided in the Watts Law. Two of those in the city—N. B. Rankin, 110 North Front street, and Thos. J. Gore, 23 South Water street—were deferred on account of two of the endorsements being by persons not free holders, but later the defects were remedied and the chairman, by authority of the Board granted at the meeting, signed them in due form and they were passed.

The applications were considered separately and when there was a doubt about the eligibility of the signers, the tax books were consulted as to whether or not the endorsements were by persons who are free-holders. The commissioners also gave consideration to the matter of whether or not the endorsements were by persons of responsibility. In nearly all cases the signatures were those of a very representative class of citizens. The applications granted at Wrightsville were W. H. Stokley and J. F. Mason, both renewals of present licenses.

Those present at the meeting yesterday were Chairman D. McEachern, Commissioners Wm. F. Robertson, W. F. Alexander and H. L. Vollers and Deputy Register of Deeds T. O. Bunting, ex-officio clerk of the Board.

SECOND ADVENT CHRISTMAS.

Young Folks of That Denomination Delightfully Entertained Thursday.

None of the Wilmington Sunday Schools gives a more elaborate or a prettier holiday entertainment each year than the Second Advent congregations, Sixth and Church streets, and this season was no exception. The exercises took place Thursday night in the church and the attendance was the capacity of the building, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The children entertained with a well rendered programme of songs, dialogues, recitations, etc., a feature of which was the singing by Mr. Woody King of an original song, "The Coming of Christ," composed by his father, Elder B. R. King, who directed the exercises, announcing the programme and the hundreds of gifts for the children. Miss Annie Smith presided at the organ and played the accompaniments for the songs, the Living representations of Bible pictures, very realistic and well given, formed a part of the exercises, Rev. J. P. King, the pastor, giving an explanatory talk upon the lessons to be drawn from each. Elon King made a jolly, good Santa Claus and kept the children delighted all the while he was on the scene. Mr. W. J. Reaves is superintendent of the school and exercised a general supervision of the affair.

THE DEADLY TOY PISTOL.

Negro Boy Shot by Another Yesterday. Administered Swift Punishment.

Mayor Springer delivered a brief discourse on the evils of the deadly toy pistol in connection with a case in the police court yesterday. David Porter, an eleven year-old colored boy who works for Mr. Wm. Nicolle, was charged with shooting a companion, George Lowmack, about the same age, through the fleshy part of the right leg. The shooting occurred yesterday morning at Sixth and Red Cross streets and Lowmack had a 22-calibre bullet picked out of his leg at the hospital, while Porter was landed in the station house. At the trial yesterday it was not made plain whether the boys were playing or Porter intended to do his companion harm. The Mayor suspended judgment on account of the boy's age, provided the mother would administer a sound thrashing in the presence of the police. After court the boy was led down into the station house corridor, the woman was provided with a stout leather strap and what she did for the boy was "A. P." The supervising officer had to make the irate mother cease the severe chastisement she was disposed to give the boy.

CHAPEL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

Little Folks Delightfully Entertained There on Thursday Evening.

The annual Christmas tree and exercises of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Sixth and Queen streets, was given Thursday evening, a large number of the children, their parents and other members of the congregation having been present. The little folks delightfully rendered a select programme of songs, recitations and the like and presents were distributed to members of each of the classes from the Christmas tree. During the evening the congregation presented to the Rev. R. W. Hogue, rector of St. James' church, a very handsome chair, the chapel being under the jurisdiction of St. James' parish. Mr. J. H. Boatwright, superintendent of the school, and the Misses Price, who are so largely instrumental in the success of the mission, were present and directed the exercises.

On pleasant days there is no better place to spend an hour or two than the beach. The 10 o'clock car lays over at the beach an hour and three quarters. The 3 o'clock car lays over an hour and one quarter.

HUME COMES MONDAY

State Horticulturist Will Look Around Wilmington for Truck Test Farm Location.

STRONG BID BEING MADE.

County Commissioners Discussed Proposition to Offer Part of County Home Tract as Site for Experiment Acres—Others Interested.

Leading business men here who are interested in the location of the proposed trucking test farm, at or near Wilmington are advised that State Horticulturist H. Harold Hume, of the Department of Agriculture, will be here Monday of next week and will consider Wilmington's claim to the location of the farm. It will be pointed out to Mr. Hume that with the five lines of railway from all parts of the trucking belt centering here, this is the most accessible point for the enterprise and that the greatest amount of good to the greatest number of growers can be attained only by selecting a site in this immediate vicinity. It will also be pointed out that in view of the establishment of an agricultural and industrial school in Wilmington, which is now regarded as a certainty, it will be especially desirable to the managers of both institutions that they be located as near together as possible.

Mr. Hume upon his arrival here will have a conference with a number of leading business men and county and municipal authorities, who are moving as a unit for the location of the farm here. Mr. Hume will probably be given a carriage drive into some of the fine truck growing farms in this immediate vicinity and he will be furnished with statistical data that cannot be ignored. However, other points are just as alert and the decision to locate here will not come without continued effort upon the part of everybody interested. Newbern and Chadbourn are understood to have offered the Board of Agriculture a site for the farm free of charge and Mount Olive has offered something correspondingly.

At the special meeting of the New Hanover Board of County Commissioners here yesterday afternoon, Chairman McEachern brought up the subject of the test farm and said that he had been approached by several leading business men of Wilmington, who wanted to know if the county would not donate or sell for a nominal amount a part of the County Home tract for the proposed experiment farm. The county home tract contains about 400 acres, and it was shown that 200 acres, which is the amount desired by the State Board of Agriculture, could be very well spared. The location is ideal, being on the line of the W. & W. railway and on the Castle Haynes turnpike. The Commissioners present at the meeting were very favorable to offering every inducement possible to the Department of Agriculture and were fully satisfied that the location of the farm here would be a great advantage. However, it was not clear just what action the Commissioners would have the power to take. Any sale of the land would have to be confirmed by the Board of Magistrates of the county, but no one anticipates any appreciable opposition from that source. It was suggested that the county might deed the land to the State with a provision that in the event the experiment farm was ever abandoned or used for other purposes, then the lands should revert to the county. At any rate all the Commissioners appeared very favorable to the idea suggested by Chairman McEachern, and he was authorized to further confer with the leaders in the movement for the location of the farm here and to assure them that the Commissioners were ready and willing to do anything reasonable to assist them in their efforts.

NEW WILMINGTON ENTERPRISE.

W. J. Reaves Manufacturing Company Incorporated by Secretary of State.

The W. J. Reaves' Manufacturing Company, of Wilmington, has been chartered by the Secretary of State with a capital stock of $5,000 to operate a general wood-working plant, manufacturing sash, doors, blinds, etc. The incorporators are Messrs. W. J. Reaves, R. M. Reaves and J. M. Bunting and business will begin as soon as all the buildings are up on the yards of the Coal Cement and Supply Co., South Front street, where a site was recently purchased by Mr. W. J. Reaves. The enterprise is a new one which gives much promise, as the gentlemen interested are practical business men and the Messrs. Reaves have had experience in the line of manufacturing in which they will engage.

Bishop Strange on Sunday.

The Rt. Rev. Robert Strange, D. D., Bishop coadjutor of the East Carolina Diocese, will preach at the morning service of St. John's Episcopal church to morrow morning at 11 o'clock, and in the evening at 8 o'clock at St. Paul's Episcopal church. The public is cordially invited to hear both sermons by the gifted Wilmington divine.

Steamer Safis for Baltimore.

The big Norwegian tramp steamer "Hanseat," Capt. Rasmussen, which arrived from the Lobos Islands about two weeks ago with cargo of Peruvian guano for the Smith-Davis Co., of this city, cleared yesterday for Baltimore, where she will complete discharging. The vessel was consigned to Heide & Co.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Rev. George B. Webster and wife are visiting friends and relatives in Red Springs, N. C.

—Col. T. C. James and Mr. Charles W. Worth, of this city, spent yesterday in Fayetteville.

—Mr. W. P. Emerson and his guest, Mr. Davis Fishback, of Kentucky, left yesterday afternoon for a deer hunt around Lake Waccamaw.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Borden have returned to Richmond, after having spent the holidays in Wilmington with Mrs. Borden's parents, Col. and Mrs. John D. Taylor.

—The friends in Wilmington of Mr. Lee H. Battle will regret to know that he has been suffering for some time from an attack of inflammatory rheumatism at his home in Greensboro.

—Hon. John E. A. Leishman, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the United States to Constantinople, is a guest of Mr. Pembroke Jones, at his handsome country place, Airlie, on the sound.

—Mr. S. T. Ashe, editor of the Messenger, was summoned to Wadesboro yesterday by a telegram, announcing that his sister, Mrs. James A. Lockhart, wife of ex-Congressman Lockhart, was dying. Mrs. Lockhart has been ill with typhoid fever for several weeks. Mr. Ashe left on the afternoon S. A. L. train.

—Mrs. Pembroke Jones and children have returned from a visit to Mrs. Jones' parents, Col. and Mrs. Wharton J. Greene, of Fayetteville. Mr. and Mrs. Jones and children will leave Monday for New York and will sail for Europe about Jan. 15th, remaining abroad until July when they will go to Newport, not returning to Wilmington before next Fall.

PRETTY HOLIDAY GERMAN.

L'Agile's Annual Xmas Dance Last Night in Masonic Temple Ball Room.

The annual holiday german of L'Agile Cotillion Club was danced last night in the Masonic Temple ball room, a large number of couples having participated. The figures were led with his accustomed grace by Mr. Strudwick Nash and the dance was one of the prettiest of the season. The decorations were befitting the holiday season, tiny Xmas bells in bright and red having been suspended from garlands across the hall and a floral design of "Xmas German, 1904, L'Agile Club," having adorned the south wall of the room facing the dancers and spectators. The music was by Hollowbush's Orchestra and the dancers were:

Miss M. Beebee with Mr. J. R. Clements; Miss Sarah Catlett, Mr. C. Myers; Miss M. Walker, Mr. Paul Cantwell; Miss Short, Mr. Haywood Falson; Miss Russelle, of Newbern, Mr. J. M. James, Miss Meta LeGrande Mr. H. M. London, of Pittsboro; Miss Charlotte Pleasants Mr Norwood Giles; Miss Patteson, of Petersburg, Va.; Mr T. D. Meares, Jr.; Miss Bessie Burruss, Mr. Preston Cumming, Jr.; Miss Amy Harlowe, Mr. Walter Storm; Miss Janie Williams, Mr. Loui. Hatch; Miss Julia Parsley, Mr. W. L. Smith, Jr.; Miss Laura Clark, Mr. Richard Meares; Miss Reba Myers, Mr. A. D. Daniels; Miss Daisy Burbank, Mr. Egene LeGrand; Miss Carrie Hardwick, Mr. George Catlett; Miss Louise Bellamy, Mr. McRae Jones; Miss Bessie Gore, Mr. Willie Walters; Miss Olive Armstrong, Mr. J. S. Armstrong, Jr.; Miss Leonora Cantwell, Mr. W. L. Walker; Miss Anna Parsley, Mr. Emmet Crow; Miss Isabelle Belden, Mr. C. D. Maffitt; Miss Beulah Armstrong, Mr. H. D. Topping, of New York; Miss Heloise Beebee, Mr. S. C. Potts; Miss Annie Taylor, of Pittsboro, Mr. R. H. Bradley; Miss Shoemate, of Maryland, Mr. R. A. Williams; Miss Jennie Murchison, Mr. Willie Peck.

Stags—Mr. Graham Kenan, of Kenansville, and Mr. Burke H. Bridgers.

"DAVID GARRICK" THE BILL.

Last Night at the Academy—Wilmington Boy in Specialty Work.

The Lyric Stock Company pleased another large audience at the Academy of Music last night, presenting the favorite bill "David Garrick." The lines were handled well by the company and every feature of the production was enjoyed. The specialities were new and up-to-date, one of them having been by Mr. Edward Reilly, a Wilmington boy, who went on with great credit to himself and the company. He possesses a strong baritone voice, well trained, and was heard at his best.

At the matinee this afternoon the "Troubles of the Katzenjammer Kids" will be presented and it will doubtless prove a glorious fete for the children. They will crowd the theatre in all probability. The prices will be 10 and 20 cents. Tickets will be on sale at Plummer's this morning.

New Year Postponed Meetings.

Monday being New Year's and, therefore, a legal holiday, the regular monthly meetings of the county and city boards will be postponed until the regular hours for those meetings on Tuesday. The County Commissioners adjourned their special meeting yesterday afternoon until Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and Mayor Springer last night authorized the statement that the Aldermen will not meet until Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. The Board of Audit and Finance will meet the same evening.

The C. W. Polvogt Co.

The Store That's Always Busy.

BY PERSISTENT EFFORT

Is success achieved. No shutting off between seasons here. The public are always ready to buy if prices are right. No month in the round year holds as many bargain surprises for you as this month of January. Note the offerings for next week and prove by investigation that we state facts.

Cloaks, Furs, Blankets and Comforters

Have been reduced in price in order to clean up our entire stock before moving.

The Great White Sale Enters this Week With More Genuine Values

Than you will find in North Carolina. Over $3,000 worth of new embroideries will be displayed during the white goods sale. See our assortment before purchasing elsewhere.

India Linens 10, 12½, 15, 18 and 20c, worth 2½ to 5c a yard more.

Another 25c Ribbon Sale, the greatest bargains ever shown in Wilmington for 25c a yard.

Sale begins Tuesday, January 3rd.

THE C. W. POLVOGT CO.

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OUR THANKS

To our many patrons for their favors during the past season are respectfully tendered.
Our business has been larger than our force could possibly handle, and we beg that any shortcoming in service be pardoned.
With a greater stock, increased and improved facilities, you are assured of prompt, correct attention to your orders.
Wedding Presents in a complete assortment.

GEORGE HONNET,
Jeweler and Silversmith,

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AFTER CHRISTMAS!

When the merchant begins to make room for Spring Goods the balance of Winter stock goes at a sacrifice. This rule holds good at

THE LITTLE? STORE

where you will find a reduction in prices on Dress Goods, Furs, Sweaters, Blankets, Comforters, etc, etc

Also Balance of Holiday Goods at a Sacrifice.

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To Our Customers

We take this occasion to thank each and every one of our customers for their most liberal patronage during the year 1904. A continuance of same during the year 1905 will be much appreciated.
Wishing you all a merry Xmas and most prosperous 1905.
We are

D. L. GORE CO.,
Wholesale Grocers and Importers,

dec 25 tf Wilmington, N. C.

PERUCHI-CYPZENE PEOPLE.

Another Week of Popular Repertoire at Academy of Music—The Bills.

Monday afternoon the Peruchi Cypzene Company will open a week's engagement at the Academy of Music, presenting "A Blue Ridge Girl." It is a play full of humor and will be interpreted by a capable company. It affords an unusually pleasing entertainment. The role of "Rastus" gives Mr. Peruchi a good opportunity to display his ability. He will be assisted by that clever and charming little comedienne, Mabel Cypzene.

During the week, the following plays will be introduced. "The Morning After," "A Midnight Marriage," "A Venetian Slave," "The Mountain Waif," "Held by the Enemy," "A Bowery Girl," "A Romance Above the Skies." New and novel specialties will be seen between the acts of each play. Popular prices will prevail during the week with special matinee prices on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

Sailor Twice Loaded.

Horace Taylor, a sailor found drunk and down in the rear of the A. C. L. office building Thursday afternoon by Policeman C. E. Wood, was fined $5 and costs by the Mayor yesterday. The sailor was loaded two ways when brought in the afternoon before. He was well filled with spirits and when searched at the station house a stick of something that very much resembled dynamite was found on his person. The hall officers handled the man "right side up with care" when the latter discovery was made and the contents of the man's pockets were very gingerly deposited in the locker provided for that purpose at the station. Later the dangerous package proved to be a very poisonous alloy for amalgamating iron, steel, bronze, copper, etc., the sailor doing some work of that kind occasionally aboard ship.

Rev. Lacy Little Returns.

Charlotte Observer: "Rev. and Mrs. Lacy Little left last night on their return to the mission fields of China, after spending several months in this State with relatives and friends. Mr. Little is a missionary to China from the Southern Presbyterian Church, and he has been remarkably successful in the field. During their sojourn in the States this time Mr. and Mrs. Little have made many new friends who wish them a pleasant trip and a happy and useful life in their foreign home. They will go via San Francisco, Cal., and their trip will consume a month."

A Happy New Year.

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State of North Carolina,
County of New Hanover.

H. L. Vollers who sues in behalf of himself and all other creditors of the Cape Fear & People's Steamboat Company,
vs.
Cape Fear & People's Steamboat Company.

By direction of a decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover County made in the above entitled cause, notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Cape Fear & People's Steamboat Company to present and make due proof of their claims before the undersigned on or before January 3, 1905, or they will be barred and precluded from participating in the distribution of the assets of the above named company.

D. McEACHERN,
December 1, 1904. Receiver.
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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the next General Assembly to amend the laws relating to the City of Wilmington, N. C., and to enact such additional legislation as the Board of Aldermen of said city may request.

WM. E. SPRINGER,
December 30, 1904. Mayor.
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The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 31.

THE COTTON SITUATION.

The government cotton bulletin shows that cotton ginners up to December 13 exceeded that ginned last year to the same date by 3,100,444 commercial bales. In his forthcoming "Cotton Facts" Colonel Shepperson, the New York cotton statistician, shows that, including "linters" and factors' samples, and allowing for difference in the weight of bales, the government estimate of the crop, issued December 3rd, is equivalent to 12,869,938 bales of the weight of last year. He says:

"In the previous years the department's estimates of yield have been quite uniformly below the final result of the "commercial crop." They were 1,485,000 bales below for the season of 1901 2, and 2,013,000 for the season of 1897 8, and an annual average of 1,114,000 less than the commercial crops for the five seasons from 1897-8 to 1901-2."

The Philadelphia Record gives some interesting statistics and offers some words of defense for the cotton crop reports at Washington. That paper says:

"Cotton has dropped below seven cents in New York, and the indignation of the South at the crop figures given out by the Department of Agriculture two or three weeks ago is rising to white heat. Congressman Livingston, of Georgia, has demanded a Congressional investigation of the methods of crop reporting and the demand has come from the South that the publication of reports from ginneries be abanboned.

"In reply to the complaints of some of the New York cotton men that the department's figures were habitually too low. Secretary Wilson some time ago wrote a letter saying that the department was giving satisfaction to the producers, and intimating that if the middle men were not satisfied it was mot of much importance. It was shown that according to trade figures of consumption the department had been constantly estimating the crops too low. In the grain trade there is no dissent from the opinion that from 1890 to 1902 the department estimated the wheat crops too low, for the same reason; all its information came from the producers.

"The department has recently been getting reports from the ginneries, which enabled it to check the estimates of production by the actual statistics of cotton ginned. The presumption, then, is that the department is now nearer the truth than it used to be, but is still more likely to underestimate than to overstate the crop. The area planted was in September estimated at nearly 10,000,000 acres more than in 1898, when the crop was 11,235,000 bales, and while the crop generally deteriorates from the early part of the season, this crop improved until midsummer or later. For example, The New York Journal of Commerce reported the condition at the end of July to be 83.2 against 79.8 at the end of June, and the condition September 26, as reported by the Department of Agriculture, was 75.8, as compared with 65.1 at the same date in 1903 and a ten-year average of 66.8.

"In view of these figures of area and condition, the habit of the department to estimate crops too low (proved by the census as well as by trade estimates), and the fact that the amount of cotton ginned is definitely known, the presumption is very much against the Southern outcry. The area and condition figures pointed to a crop much larger than that which the department has announced, and the Southern propositions to burn a million bales, or to hold the crop back on the farms, look as if the Southern people themselves knew that they had a record-breaking crop."

If it is true that the large increase in acreage and the better crop conditions of 1903, have resulted in a 13,000,000 bale crop, it yet appears that the decline in price of from 17 cents last year to 6½ cents now is not warranted. The crop is not much more, if really it is any more, than the mills of Europe and America will require for consumption. The cotton producers of the South may have overcropped themselves but they can remedy that the coming crop year.

It will be remembered in this connection, and Mr. S. N. D. North, director of the Census Bureau at Washington, calls attention to the fact, that the provision for gathering cotton statistics was inserted in the law at the instance of Southern Congressmen, on the plea that it was necessary for the protection of cotton producers against the speculators and others interested in depressing the price of the staple for their own profit. Mr. North is correct. We remember when the South was urging that the government should gather the statistics and that there was rejoicing when the provision was incorporated in the bill. It was urged as a reason that the government should gather these statistics, that enormous losses resulted from the untrustworthy estimates put forth every year by speculators and the agents of the Liverpool market, and that early and trustworthy official information regarding the size of the crop would protect the grower, disarm the speculator and manipulator and permit the law of supply and demand to regulate the price, as Mr. North says. If these official government statistics hurt us it seems that we made a mistake in having the system adopted by the government. It costs the government more than $125,000 a year to gather and disseminate these statistics.

DON'T TAKE WELL.

The Washington Post, which keeps a weather eye out at the national capital, is in a position to find out how things take. The Post on Thursday says:

If President Roosevelt, in transmitting to Congress Commissioner Garfield's paper on Federal control of all corporations engaged in interstate business, intended to use that document as a feeler, and if, since its transmission, the President has followed Abraham Lincoln's habit of "keeping an ear to the grond," we feel confident that neither the Fifty eighth nor the Fifty-ninth Congress will receive an Executive communication recommending the adoption of the Garfield plan.

If, as has been currently reported, the Garfield report had the full concurrence of President Roosevelt, we think the reception accorded the document by the press and public, and especially by the judicial mind, must have convinced the President that another occasion for a change of Executive views has arisen.

So radical a departure from existing business methods and from the relations hitherto existing between the general government and the governments of the several States must be billed for a distant future if it is ever to happen. If such control of commerce between the States as the Constitution confers on the Federal authority cannot be had without virtually wiping out nearly all State charters, it will not be had at all for a long time to come. This, at least, has been demonstrated by the country's reception of the Garfield document. It is well, therefore, that the President sent that paper to Congress. Publicity is a great enlightener.

JANUARY MAGAZINES.

The Atlantic Monthly for January is on our desk. This popular magazine is a library within itself, and readers always find it an entertaining guest. The table of contents contains numerous ably written and valuable contributions, and there are poems, book notices and other features that make this publication always desirable. The subscription price is $4 a year; per copy 35 cents. Address, Houghton Mifflin & Co., 3 Park street, Boston, Mass.

The January number of The Cosmopolitan has tome to hand. The editorial department is as interesting and practical as usual, and the numerous writers on current subjects contribute a large list of articles that are timely and instructive. One of the contributions is on the much talked of "Jefferson Bible." There are many things to interest and benefit. Subscription price, $1 per year; per copy, 10 cents. Address, The Cosmopolitan, Irvington, New York

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— Mr. Lawson is Everybody's friend.—Boston Globe.

—— The President has decided not to remove six Mormon postmasters in Idaho who are known to be polygamists. It is claimed that they are not working at it now.—Washington Post.

—— The official figures on the result of the election, now being published, rob the administration of all the credit for the victory, which seems to have been won by default.—Washington Post.

—— Former Attorney General John W. Griggs says the Federal government has no right to usurp the functions of the States in dealing with corporations. Still there is a suspicion that the corporations would rather take their chances with the Federal government than with governors like Van Sant and La Follette.—Washington Post.

—— We cannot timidly admit that we are not altogether pleased with Senator Platt's taking charge of Senator Depew's fight for re election. We trust that this does not presage a radical change in the "southern policy" of the latter gentleman should he win out. We would like to know where he stands on the Platt reduction of representation bill before we lend him any more editorial assistance.—Charleston News & Courier.

—— The legal authority of the the State board of dispensary directors to close a dispensary is now squarely before the Supreme Court. The question comes up for decision rbout the time the legislature meets, and it would be to the interest of the State should the question be given an early solution by the court. Whatever it may be, it will no doubt have its influence on any proposed legislation in reference to the dispensary.—Columbia Record.

—— The Portland Oregonian, one of the ablest Republican journals in the country, suggests that if the President desires to accurately gauge the quality of public sentiment on the race question he shall follow up his appointment of a negro Collector of Customs at Charleston, South Carolina, by the appointment of a negro Postmastor at Boston. The Oregonian opines that the roar of protest from Massachusetts would make the South Carolina dissent a squeak by comparison.—Philadelphia Record.

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TWINKLINGS.

— "Didn't you go to sleep during the classical programme?" asked Mrs. Cumrox, severely. "No," answered her husband. "No such luck."—Washington Star.

— Edna—What made you marry a man with such a homely name? May—You ought to see how beautiful it looks when it is signed to a check!—Detroit Free Press.

— "My sakes! How well your husband is trained. How did you ever do it?" I didn't. He was a widower when I got him. It saves a lot of trouble."—Chicago Record-Herald.

— "If that man Lawson wants to depress the market there's a mighty fine way for him to make himself popular." "How is that?" "Let him jump on the present price of eggs."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

— "What you need," said the physician, "is more exercise." "That will be all right," answered the patient. "I'll probably begin walking the floor when your bill comes in."—Washington Star.

— "Do you mean to tell me that when Muntoburn's daughter started away on her wedding tour they threw lumps of coal at the carriage?" "Yes; everybody said rice was too cheap and common."—Chicago Tribune.

— Aunt Jane—No, Clara, you aren't pretty. But I suppose the young man who calls upon you tells you you are the most beautiful woman in all the world. Clara—Yes, but it is after I have lowered the gas light.—Boston Transcript.

— Why do so many actors insist on playing Shakespeare?" "I suspect," answered Mr. Stormington Barnes, "that it's because they can take all the credit if they succeed, and blame the public's lack of literary taste if they fail."—Washington Star.

— Miss Johnson: Yes, she did say something about you, but I don't know whether it was meant to be complimentary or not. Mr. Kellow: Oh, I fancy I impressed her. Miss Jenkins: Well, she only commented on your blooming cheek." — Philadelphia Public Ledger.

— Ascum—Is it true that you are engaged to Miss Oldenrich? Kraft—No. She says I'll have to give up my club if I marry her. Ascum—Well? Kraft—Well, my only idea in marrying her was to avoid the necessity of giving up my club. I am behind in my dues.—Philadelphia Press.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

(Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, December 30.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market steady at $2.40 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.30 per barrel for hard, $3.70 for dip.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 55c; rosin firm at $2.10; tar firm at $1.60; crude turpentine firm at $2.35@3.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	51
Rosin	498
Tar	160
Crude turpentine	124

Receipts same day last year—53 casks spirits turpentine, 295 barrels rosin, 78 barrels tar, 55 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market nominal.

Same day last year, market firm at 13.20c for middling.

Receipts—481 bales; same day last year, 438.

(Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.)

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 90c; extra prime, 95c; fancy, $1.00, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 80c; extra prime, 85c; fancy, 90c. Spanish, 85@90c.

CORN—Firm; 60@65c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 14@15c per pound; shoulders, 11c; sides, 11c.

EGGS—Dull at 25c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 30@35c; springs, 15@25c.

TURKEYS—Dull at 12½c for live; 16½c for dressed.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26@27c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6¼c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50@60c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 3@3c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Money on call was quoted strong and higher at 3@5 per cent.; closing bid 4 per cent; offered at 4¼ per cent.; time loans were easy and dull; sixty days 3 per cent.; ninety days 3 per cent; six months 3¼@3½ per ct. Prime mercantile paper 4@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange closed steady, actual business in bankers' bills 487.10@487.15 for demand and 484.80@484.85 for sixty day bills. Posted rates were 485¼ and 488. Commercial bills quoted at 485½. Bar silver 61¾. Mexican dollars 48. U. S. refunding 2's, reg'd, 104½; do. coupon, 104¾; U. S. 3's, registered, 104½; do. coupon, 104¾; U. S. 4's, new, registered, 130¾; U. S. 4's, new, coupon, 130¾; U. S. 4's, old, registered, 105½; do. coupon, 106½; Atlantic Coast Line 4's, 101½; Louisville & Nashville, unified 4's, 104¾; Norfolk & Western consol 4's —; Seaboard Air Line 4's 85; Southern Railway 5's, 120¾. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio pref'd 95½; Chesapeake & Ohio 48; Manhattan L 164¾; New York Central 143¼; Reading 79½; do. 1st pref'd, 91; do. 2nd pref'd 84; Southern Railway 35¼; do. pref'd 96¼; Amalgamated Copper 71; People's Gas 107½; Tennessee Coal and Iron 71¾; U. S. Leather 13¾; U. S. Leather preferred, 101¾; Western Union 92¾; U. S. Steel 30½; do. preferred 93⅛ Mexican Central 23¾; Virginia Carolina Chemical, —; sales — shares; do. preferred, closed —; sales — shares. Standard Oil 625.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 18@18¾; do. preferred, 37¾@38¼; do. bonds, fours, —. Atlantic Coast Line, common, —.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Rosin steady. Strained common to good $3 83¼. Spirits turpentine quiet at 53¾@53c.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 30.—Spirits turpentine and rosin—nothing doing.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 30.—Spirits turpentine was quiet at 49½c; receipts 345 casks; sales 403 casks; exports 44 casks. Rosin was firm; receipts 1,192 barrels; sales 3,201 bbls; exports 584 bbls. A, B, C, $2 53¾@2 55; D, $2 57½; E, $2 63¾@2 65; F, $2 70; G, $2 75; H, $2 90; I, $3 35; K, $4 00; M, $4 30; N, $4 60; W G, $4 85; W W, $5 15.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The cotton market was much less active but while very irregular was steadier on the whole, closing to-day with a moderate recovery of recent losses. The opening was firm at an advance of twelve to twenty points which was hardly a full response to the cables reporting an advance of twelve to thirteen points for futures and of fourteen points for spot cotton in the English market while private cables reported small Southern offerings and fresh buying as a cause of the strength. After the call here there was a gradual renewal of bear pressure and by midday prices had sagged off to about or a little under the closing level of yesterday. The final instalment of the ginners' report was at midday. It was if anything a little disappointing to some of the smaller shorts who had reckoning on the report showing slightly over 12,000,000 bales and may have been responsible for some covering. In a general way it had no effect, however, although the market during the afternoon ruled generally steadier on a demand that was credited to Wall street shorts and was finally very steady net ten to fourteen points higher. Sales were estimated at 350,000 bales. The into sight figures for the week came to only 336,369 bales against 424,276 bales last year and the outlook for receipts for the immediate future seems to be light, but this does not seem to be having the effect of discrediting the the ginners' report, although that document is meeting with some criticism.

The market will be closed to-morrow (Saturday), and will not re-open until the Tuesday after New Year's. The Liverpool market as well as New Orleans will also be closed on these days.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Cotton—The market was quiet at 6.95c; net receipts 223 bales; gross receipts 1,615 bales; stock — bales.

Spot cotton closed quiet and 10 points higher; middling uplands 6.95c; middling gulf 7.20c; sales 825 bales.

Futures closed very steady: January 6.59, February 6.70, March 6.76, April 6.84, May 6.89, June 6.98, July 7.03, August 7.04, September —, October 7.20.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 30,061 bales; exports to Great Britain 15,210 bales; exports to France — bales; exports to the Continent 30,551 bales; exports to Japan — bales; exports to Mexico — bales; stock 1,058,612 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 234,208 bales; exports to Great Britain 41,199 bales; exports to France 26,194 bales; exports to Continent 90,354 bales; exports to Japan 13,746 bales; exports to Mexico — bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 5,871,403 bales exports to Great Britain 2,075,005 bales; exports to France 455,466 bales; exports to the Continent 1,575,946 bales; exports to Japan 63,756 bales; exports to Mexico 13,393 bales.

Dec 30.—Galveston, steady at 6⅝, net receipts 6,134 bales; Norfolk, nominal; net receipts 1,163 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 7, net receipts 1,916 bales; Boston, steady at 6,95c, net receipts 344 bales; Wilmington, nominal, net receipts 481 bales; Philadelphia, steady at 7.30c, net receipts 303 bales; Savannah, quiet at 6⅝c, net receipts 3,183 bales; New Orleans, steady at 6¾c, net receipts 9,744 bales; Mobile, steady at 6¾, net receipts 183 bales; Memphis, quiet at 6¾c, net receipts 1,893 bales; Augusta, steady at 6¾c, net receipts 626 bales; Charleston, quiet at 6¾c, net receipts 864 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Flour was quiet but steady. Rye flour steady. Wheat—Spot irregular; No. 2 red nominal. Options market ¼c net lower, except December, which was 1c net higher; May closed $1 14⅞; July closed $1 02⅜; December closed $1 23¼. Corn—Spot steady; No. 2 55½c, nominal. Options partly ¼c net lower: May closed 51⅜; December closed 54⅞c. Oats—Spot quiet; mixed, 36@33 pounds, 35½@36½c. Pork quiet. Cheese was firm; State, small, colored and white, 10@13c. Eggs steady; nearby, selected 35@38c; Western selected 28c; Southern 20@27c. Potatoes—Market steady; Long Island, in bulk, per 180 lbs, $1 75@3 00; State and Western $1 25@1 50; Jersey sweets $2 00@3 50. Butter firm; creamery, common to extra 18@28c; State dairy 16@26c. Cabbages steady; flat Dutch, per 100, $2@3 00. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton, 14@20c. Peanuts steady; fancy hand-picked 5¼@5½; other domestic grades 3¾@5¼c. Molasses firm. Tallow quiet. Sugar—raw steady; refined steady. Lard easy; Western steam $7 19, refined easy; continent $7 15; compound 5½@5¾c. Cotton seed oil was weak but active at prices: Prime crude, f. o. b. mills 16@16½c; prime summer yellow 32½@32¾c; off summer yellow nominal; prime white 26½@27c; prime winter yellow 26½@27c.

CHICAGO, December 30.—Heavy liquidation by a prominent holder today entirely wiped out a sharp advance in wheat prices. The market closed weak with May down 5-8c @ 3 4c. Corn, oats and provisions were practically unchanged.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Cash prices: Flour—The market to-day was quoted steady. Wheat—No. 2 spring $1 10@1 16; No. 3 spring 98c@$1 13; No. 3 red $1 15¾@1 18¾. Corn—No. 2 43½@44c; No. 2 yellow 43½@44c. Oats—No. 2 29¾c; No. 2 white, —c; No. 3 white 31@33 Rye—No. 2 75c. Mess pork, per bbl., $11 05@11 15. Lard, per 100 lbs, —. Short rib sides, loose, $6 12½@6 37½. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, no market report. Short clear sides, boxed, $6 62½@6 75. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 24.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 3 December $1 13¾, 1 14¾, 1 13¾, 1 15; May $1 14⅝@1 14¾, 1 15½, 1 13¾@1 15¾, 1 13⅝@1 13¾c; July 99½@99¾, 99½, 98¾@98¾, 98¾c. Corn—December 46, 46, 44¾, 44¾; May 45½@45⅝, 45⅝@45¾, 45¾, 45¾; July 46, 46, 45⅝@45¾, 45⅝@45¾c. Oats—December 29¾, 29⅞, 29⅝@29¾, 29¾c; May 31⅜@31¾, 31¾, 31¾, 31¾@31⅝; July 31⅜@31¾, 31¾, 31⅜@31⅝, 31⅝@31¾c. Mess pork, per bbl—January $13 45, 13 47½, 13 35, 13 37½; May $13 77½, 13 82½, 13 75, 13 77½. Lard, per 100 lbs—January $6 75, 6 80, 6 75, 6 77½; May $7 05, 7 08, 7 00, 7 02½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs January $6 40, 6 40, 6 35, 6 37½; May $6 67½, 6 70, 6 65, 6 67½.

NEW YORK COFFEE FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Coffee—Spot Rio steady. The market for coffee futures was steady and unchanged to 5 points higher.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 30.—Cotton: Spot, in fair demand, with prices 14 points higher; American middling fair 4.11d; good middling 3.87d; middling 3.77d; low middling 3.65d; good ordinary 3.51d; ordinary 3.35d. The sales of the day were 8,000 bales, of which 2,000 bales were for speculation and export and included 7,500 bales American. Receipts 43,000 bales, including 37,400 bales American.

Futures opened steady and closed steady; American middling (g o c): January 3.60d; January and February 3.60d; February and March 3.65d; March and April 3.69d; April and May 3.73d; May and June 3.76d; June and July 3.78d; July and August 3.81d; August and September 3.83d; September and October 3.85d; October and November 3.86d.

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Will Often Help You Greatly. Read What a Wilmington Citizen Says.

You may hesitate to listen to the advice of strangers, but the testimony of friends or residents of Wilmington is worth your most careful attention. It is an easy matter to investigate such proof as this. The evidence must be conclusive. Read the following:

P. C. Le Moyne, contractor, of 223 North Seventh street, says: "I did not know that the trouble with my back was caused by my kidneys not acting properly, although I noticed the secretions from those organs were dark and very irregular, sometimes free and at other times scanty. I saw Doan's Kidney Pills advertised and went to Bellamy's drug store and got a box. I was surprised at the result, for I have not had backache since I used them. I also got a box of Doan's Ointment. I have had itching hemorrhoids or piles for years, and tried everything I knew of without benefit. Doan's Ointment gave me instant relief. I heard about Doan's Kidney Pills in England some years ago, and until now I was under the impression that they were made only in England. In addition to my backache being cured the kidney secretions have all cleared up and become normal since using the Pills."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no substitute.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—14 bales cotton, 20 casks spirits turpentine, 53 barrels tar, 21 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—14 bales cotton, 10 barrels crude turpentine.

W. C. & A. Railroad—426 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 24 barrels rosin, 20 barrels tar, 14 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—6 bales cotton, 19 casks spirits turpentine, 8 barrels tar.

W. & N. Railroad—11 bales cotton, 35 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer E. A. Hawes—10 bales cotton, 6 casks spirits turpentine, 40 barrels rosin, 63 barrels tar, 32 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer A. J. Johnson—3 casks spirits turpentine, 150 barrels rosin, 7 barrels tar.

Steamer Franklin Pierce—9 barrels tar, 12 barrels crude turpentine.

Raft—224 barrels rosin.

Total—481 bales cotton, 51 casks spirits turpentine, 488 barrels rosin, 160 barrels tar, 124 barrels crude turpentine.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port of Wilmington, N. C., December 31.

STEAMERS.

Juanita North, (Br) 2,233 tons, Fox, —Alexander Sprunt & Son.

SCHOONERS.

Young Brothers, 852 tons, Gabielsen, C D Maffitt.

Mabel Darling, 112 tons, Saunders, to master.

Anne Lord, 246 tons, Russell, C D Maffitt.

Frances Tredinick, 373 tons, Dodge, C D Maffitt.

BARQUES.

Fram, (Nor) 699 tons, Andersen, Heide & Co.

Mussleerag, (Br) 1,871 tons, Robinson, Heide & Co.

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle, yet thorough. Only 25 cents, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

The Siwasa

OPEN EVENINGS.

Turkeys, Cranberries, Celery,

Nuts, Raisins, Figs, Dates,

Candy, Oranges.

Ready for your Xmas orders.

S. W. SANDERS.

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Christmas Presents.

All the latest Novels, Illustrated Books, Pictures, Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens, Bric a Brac of every description, Fancy Box Paper, Calendars, Xmas Cards, and a beautiful line of leather goods.

ROBT. C. DeROSSET,

Bookseller and Stationer.

dec 10 tf 32 North Front St.

We Cordially Invite

You to inspect our Holiday stock. We are showing a very complete assortment of high grade Perfumery, Celluloid Brushes and combs and other toilet articles. There is nothing more appropriate for Holiday Gifts than choice perfumery. The lady who uses elegant perfumery secures an additional charm—because it is the unusual that attracts. Anticipating the pleasure of a call from those interested,

I remain, Yours respectfully,

Hardin's Palace Pharmacy.

P. S.—See window display. dec 16 tf s

NEW GROCERY STORE

14 MARKET STREET,

Between Front and Water.

Dill Pickles and Sweet Pickles in Bulk.

North Carolina Hams, Breakfast Bacon, Mackerel, Water Ground meal, fresh from the mill.

Fresh Prunes and evaporated Apples.

ORANGES.

J. HARGROVE TAYLOR.

Prompt Delivery.

Telephone 1052. de 29 tf

HOME GROWN HAY.

Compressed bales. Raised in Pender county. Three car loads for sale.

Best Lime, Anchor Brand

We are offering low, being overstocked.

Small Cream Cheese.

Coffee, Flour, Salt, Molasses, Salmon, Sardines.

FINE TOMATOES.

Only best quality of goods handled. Living prices.

THE WORTH CO.,

Wilmington, N. C.

dec 2 tf

How Many Times Have

you asked has the

FRUIT VESSEL ARRIVED?

Yes, and a portion of the Oranges are at the Ladies' Store. Price just right.

3 Lb. London L. Raisins 25c.

Seeded Raisins 10c package.

Currants 9c package.

Big Cocoanuts.

Fresh Tomatoes.

Carpenter Grocery.

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Announcement!

We are now Agents for the Famous Atkins Saw and can furnish you from the smallest Rip and Cut Off to the largest

Circular and Band Saws

from our stock at a moment's notice. With this and our other reliable lines, we are prepared to serve you.

T. D. LOVE COMPANY,

Machinery, Mill, Steamfitters, Yacht and Plumber's Supplies.

204, 206 North Water St,

de 28 tf Wilmington, N. C.

Shepard's Lung Food!

THE GREAT THROAT AND LUNG TONIC.

Write for sample bottles.

For sale by

J. C. SHEPARD,

Wilmington, N. C.

dec 28 tf

VACCINATE!

County, city and town Boards of Health have recommended and in some instances ordered Vaccination as the ONLY safeguard against Smallpox, so prevalent in the Carolinas thus early in Winter. We have just received by last night's Express

Glycerinized Lymph,
Glycerinized Glass Points,
Glycerinized Ivory Points,
Vaccination Shields.

(Adults and Children.)

Out of town orders filled by return mail rices to the trade.

ADOLPH G. AHRENS,

Phone 644. 107 Princess street. dec 20 tf

QUAIL ON TOAST.

THE ONLY RESTAURANT,

de 8 tf 108 Market street

A Delightful Pleasure.

Nothing pleases a man more than a good clean shave. We give the cleanest shave obtainable, not only in point of keen razors, but as to real cleanliness. We use a clean towel for each man and everything else is thoroughly antiseptic.

QUION & DAVIS,
Climax Barber Shop,
7 South Front street.

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Mules For Sale!

2 Medium Size Mules

1 Medium Size Horse.

Cash or Time, as Agreed.

W. B. COOPER,

dec 24 tf Wilmington, N. C.

Christmas Suggestions

Over-Gators,
Lambs Wool Soles,
Crochet Slippers,
Hunting Leggins,
Riding Leggins,
Little Boys Leggins,
Rubbers,
Babie's First Shoes,
Men's House Slippers,
Shoe Trees,
Silk Hosiery.

Solomon's Shoe Store.

9 and 11 So. Front St.

dec 18 tf

ARE YOU

Keeping in Stock

Cuban Blossom

AND RENOWN CIGARS?

They are as good as ever.

Silver Coin Flour

Can't be beat

H. L. Vollers,

Wholesale Grocer and Distributor.

dec 18 tf

Suggestions for Xmas

A Dinner Set
A Toilet Set.
A Chocolate Set.
A Fish Set.
A Lamp.
An Umbrella Stand.
A Jardineer.
A Fancy Vase.
A Piece of Cut Glass.

Silver Knives, Forks, Spoons, Ladles, etc., and many other goods on display.

F. A. BISSINGER,

de 4 tf 119 Market street.

REMEMBER!

In addition to manufacturing Stills for Turpentine and Spiritine Plants, we do all kinds of repair work and Brazing in Copper. Also we do Plating in

Nickle, Brass, Silver

AND GOLD.

Repairing work of every kind in Metal solicited.

We buy all of your discarded Silver Plated ware. Also old Brass Candlesticks, Brass Andirons and all kinds of old metal.

Carolina Copper Works.

dec 15 tf

Did You Ever Drop in The Delmonico Cafe?

Opposite Postoffice. The coolest dining room in the city of Wilmington, N. C. Prompt service, cleanliness and attendance.

Steaks, Chops, Quail, Oysters.

Tables Reserved for the Ladies.

Our daily Menu is unsurpassed. Regular Dinners served from 12 to 2. 'Phone 207.

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Your Orders for

CHRISTMAS GOODS

will be given our prompt attention

Let us have them.

HALL & PEARSALL,

:INCORPORATED.

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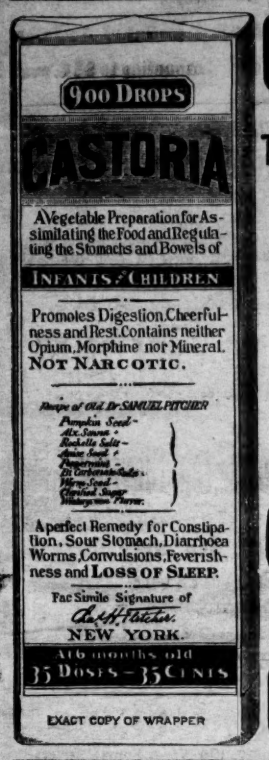
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CASTORIA
A Vegetable Preparation for Assimilating the Food and Regulating the Stomachs and Bowels of
INFANTS & CHILDREN
Promotes Digestion, Cheerfulness and Rest. Contains neither Opium, Morphine nor Mineral.
NOT NARCOTIC.
Recipe of Old Dr SAMUEL PITCHER
A perfect Remedy for Constipation, Sour Stomach, Diarrhoea, Worms, Convulsions, Feverishness and LOSS OF SLEEP.
Fac Simile Signature of
NEW YORK.
35 DOSES – 35 CENTS

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher.*

In Use For Over Thirty Years

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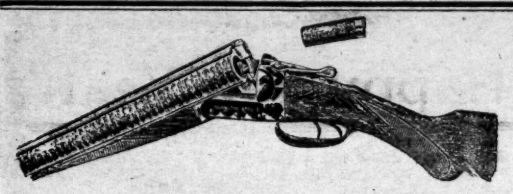

Sporting Goods.

We now have a full stock of Breech-loading Guns of several standard manufactures Loaded Shells of all kinds, Gun Cases, Leggings, Shooting Coats, Hats; in fact a full assortment of season goods in the above line. We can make attractive prices.

We are Agents for Hazard Powder and Tarhan's Shot.

WM. E SPRINGER & CO.,

n 27 tf Purcell Building.

Geo. W. Huggins,

JEWELER,

Market Street.

Gold Filled and Silver Watches, Diamonds, loose and mounted; Gold Signet Rings and Pins. Umbrellas, Silver and Gold. Sterling Silver Deposit Ware.

18 YEARS

WATCH INSPECTOR

Atlantic Coast Line R. R. Co.

'Phone 455.

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THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK,

of Wilmington, N. C.

anized March, 1899.

Capital and Surplus	$ 450,000
Deposits	1,880,000
Total Assets	2,570,000

Our large capital and assets enable us to offer customers exceptional curity and facilities.

$500,000 to lend on approved paper.

H. C. McQUEEN, President,

J. V. GRAINGER, Cashier.

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ROGER MOORE'S SONS & CO.,

103, 104 and 105 North Water street.

"Brick Manufacturers"

and dealers in

"Building Material."

We have some "Flintkote" Roofing Paper that we will sell cheap.

dec 7 tf

Useful and Practical!

In selecting gifts for your family be practical. After Xmas we still need shoes A handsome shoe for your wife or daughter, good warm shoes for your children, slippers or shoes for your husband or son will give just as much pleasure to the recipient as some "fancy thing" and be a joy or comfort after the day is past. Try it and your wisdom will be commended. You can find every thing nice at our store.

GEO. R. FRENCH & SONS,

108 North Front Street.

OPEN AT NIGHT THIS WEEK. dec 21 tf

WANTED—YOU—To improve

your opportunity and increase your salary by taking a DAY or NIGHT course in Shorthand, Bookkeeping or Telegraphy at the

WILMINGTON BUSINESS COLLEGE.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— A dispatch from Asheville on Monday says: L. R. Williams, of Saluda, to-day filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. The liabilities are $22,000 and the assets are $12,000. Mr. Williams has for a number of years conducted a mercantile business at Saluda. Most of the creditors are Asheville merchants.

— Raleigh Post: The law offices of the North Carolina Retail Merchants Association and the Association of Wholesale Dealers, Millers and Manufacturers of North Carolina and South Carolina have been moved to Raleigh and are on Salisbury street, the building at the corner of Salisbury and Martin streets. Mr. Norman H. Johnson is in charge.

— Charlotte Chronicle: Some time ago it was made widely known by the public press that Goldsboro was a great market for barbecued pig. Somebody is now circulating the news that Pittsboro is the great rabbit market of the State, and that during this Fall "millions" of rabbits have been shipped from Pittsboro to the North. The same promoter of varied industries for the State says that Raleigh is no inconsiderable rabbit market, and that several towns along Deep river have a fair trade in shipping rabbits to people in other parts of the country who stew rabbit with dumplings.

— A dispatch from Asheville on Thursday says: The funeral services over the remains of the late Lieut. William D. Pritchard were conducted at Marshall, the former home of Judge Pritchard, this morning at 10 o'clock. A large number of friends went from here and a number of veterans of the Spanish-American war, who acted as military escort. The services were conducted from the Presbyterian church, Rev. John Ammons, assisted by Rev. R. O. Gray, officiating. The remains were laid away in the family burying ground beside his mother. There were numerous and beautiful floral offerings.

— At Raleigh on Thursday, the secretary of state issued a charter to The Tar Heel Social Club, of Greensboro, Congressman Spencer Blackburn having fifteen shares of stock and R. G. White, C. P. Frazier, W. P. Ragan and A. E. Holton o each. The capital is $5,000. The organization will maintain club apartments. Another charter was to the Gray Manufacturing Co., Gastonia., $50,000 capital, to operate cotton mills; incorporators, Geo. A Gray, J. H. Separk, C. J. House. A charter was also granted to the A. M. E. Denomination, U. S. A., principal office in Winston-Salem. The purpose is to unite all churches, missions, schools and other work of A. M. E. denominations. The principal incorporator is Bishop G. W. Lomax.

— Raleigh Post: The Legislature to convene next week will be called upon to discharge one duty about which there should be no hesitancy, and that is to repeal those special "town" charters which the last Legislature made the blunder of granting, and by which several whiskey distilleries were allowed to continue business in the rural districts. They were passed for political reasons and to exempt them from the operations of the Watts act; and a deliberate attempt was made to smuggle at least one of them through without the knowledge of the public; they were voted for by the strongest advocates of the Watt's bill, who had stood on the floor of the legislative halls and made eloquent speeches for temperance. Such inconsistency was a disgrace, a travesty and a fraud on the people of the State who were honest in their efforts to promote temperance.

— Raleigh Post: The school committee of Raleigh township has adopted a resolution looking to the taking of steps to secure from the incoming legislature a compulsory education measure for Raleigh township. The resolution was drawn and introduced at the board meeting by Mr. J. W. Bailey and it was unanimously apopted. Here is the full text of the resolution: Resolved that this committee petition to the general assembly of 1905 to enact a compulsory eduction measure for Raleigh township, requiring that all children more than eight years of age and less than fourteen years of age who have not attended some school at least twenty-seven months shall attend school at least eight months each school year until they have completed twenty-seven months. Resolved, That this committee shall be enabled by said committee to appoint one or more truant officers with a view to making effective this compulsory act.

Fight Will Be Bitter.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall, of Beall, Miss., has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once, and four bottles entirely cured her." Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. Price 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free.

CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher.* The Kind You Have Always Bought

HALL'S EMULSION

HAS **NOT** SAVED

10,000 Lives

But it has cured many Coughs and Colds. It is Guaranteed to do good.

50c Per Bottle.

'Phone Us—Comp. Bicycle Delivery.

JAS. M. HALL & BRO.,

5th and Castle. 'Phone No. 193.

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Club Land In Japan.

Japan is the ideal club land. In this country the club world has a good many class and other limitations. But in Japan the system has flourished from time immemorial and enters into the daily life of all sorts and conditions of men. It is no uncommon thing for people of means to belong to from ten to a hundred different clubs, benevolent or social, all of which exist mainly to give the members an opportunity for one festive gathering the more. In Tokyo there are 5,000 different societies, from the Red Cross to the Mustaches and the Pockmarked, which explain themselves.

Little Bill's Luck.

It is not probable that superstition will ever receive its deathblow, but now and then it gets jogged a bit. Two cockneys met not long ago, says Good Words, in a London thoroughfare.

"I've just 'eard that your little Bill got run over," said one. "'Ow did it 'appen?"

"'E was picking up a 'orseshoe for luck," replied little Bill's father.

All Down.

Mrs. Newlywed—Doctor, that bottle of medicine you left for baby is all gone. Doctor—Impossible! I told you to give him a teaspoonful once an hour. Mrs. Newlywed—Yes, but John and I and mother and the nurse have each to take a teaspoonful, too, in order to induce baby to take it.—Puck.

Making Himself Safe First.

"What are you plunging back in the water for, Pat? You just swam ashore."

"Shure, Oi had to save meself first. Now Ol'm goin' back to fetch Moike."—Modern Society.

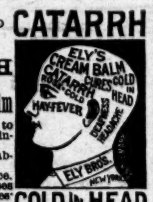
IT IS FOR LADIES, TOO.

They Can Stop Their Hair Falling Out With Herpicide.

Ladies who have thin hair and whose hair is falling out, can prevent the hair falling out, and thicken the growth, with Newbro's "Herpicide." Besides, Herpicide is one of the most agreeable hair dressings there is. Herpicide kills the dandruff germ that eats the hair off at the root. After the germ is destroyed, the root will shoot up, and the hair grow long as ever. Even a sample will convince any lady that Newbro's Herpicide is an indispensable toilet requisite. It contains no oil or grease, it will not stain or dye. Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c. in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich.

HARDIN'S PHARMACY, Special Agent.

THE CLEANSING AND HEALING CURE FOR CATARRH is Ely's Cream Balm



Easy and pleasant to use. Contains no injurious drug. It is quickly absorbed. Gives Relief at once. It Opens and Cleanses the Nasal Passages Allays Inflammation. COLD IN HEAD

Heals and Protects the Membrane. Restores the Senses of Taste and Smell. Large size, 50 cents at Druggists or by mail; Trial size, 10 cts by mail

ELY BROTHERS, 56 Warren street, New York

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WISHING

— Everybody —

A Very Merry Christmas And a Happy New Year

We sincerely Thank our many friends and patrons for THE BIGGEST HOLIDAY TRADE we ever had and beg to solicit your valued Footwear trade for 1905.

SOLE AGENTS —FOR—

Cordially Yours

SHOES.

Mercer & Evans Co.

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REPORT

OF THE CONDITION OF THE ATLANTIC National Bank, at Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business, November 10th, 1904.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$ 916,988 68
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		400 45
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		125,000 00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. deposits		104,500 00
Bonds, securities, etc		29,850 00
Banking houses, furniture, and fixtures		30,000 00
Other real estate owned		10,000 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents		135,336 07
Due from State Banks and Bankers		130,052 68
Due from approved reserve agents		71,657 95
Notes of other National Banks		2,460 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents		684 69
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie	$35,506 00	
Legal tender notes	39,694 00	75,200 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)		2,941 50
Total		$1,649,192 02

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$ 125,000 00
Surplus fund	125,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	78,866 70
National Bank notes outstanding	125,000 00
Due to other National Banks	186,498 91
Due to State Banks and Bankers	140,050 68
Dividends unpaid	522 00
Individual deposits subject to check	784,406 49
Certified checks	500 00
Cashier's checks outstanding	12,500 04
United States Deposits	104,800 00
Total	$1,649,192 02

State of North Carolina, county of New Hanover, ss.:

I, J. W. Yates, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. W. YATES, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of November, 1904.

W. C. ARMSTRONG, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:

C. W. YATES,
D. McEACHERN,
JNO. S. ARMSTRONG, } Directors.

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Hamme the Hatter and Clothier,

Comes to the front Xmas Week with a full Stock of Hats and Clothing. A beautiful assortment of Neck Ties and Silk Handkerchiefs, Boys and Childrens' Suits. Perfect fit Guaranteed. Latest styles and lowest prices.

dec 18 tf 24 North Front St.

MEN AND WOMEN.

Use Big G for unnatural discharges, inflammations, irritations or ulcerations of mucous membranes. Painless, and not astringent or poisonous.

Sold by Druggists, or sent in plain wrapper, by express, prepaid, for $1.00, or 3 bottles $2.75. Circular sent on request.

First Day
Second Day
Third Day
Every Day

of the New Year, on which you desire an exquisite dessert confection to make your family and guests confection-happy, serve them with

NABISCO SUGAR WAFERS

Begin aright by wishing your New Year's callers "Happy New Year" with these delicious creations.

FESTINO —another confection, like an almond in appearance and flavor, with a shell that dissolves on your tongue and surprises you with a delightful kernel of cream.

NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY

Gaylord's Store,

206, 208, 210 Front Street.

We are ready for holiday trading and have made long and careful preparations to do the biggest selling of Holiday Goods ever before done in this city. Thousands of dollars worth of the world's best and choicest merchandise collected under one roof, embracing every avenue of Art and Fashion, the useful as well as ornamental, the expensive as well as the inexpensive, and things that will delight the little folks and the things that will make their elders happy—all here in profusion not even attempted elsewhere, and all here at prices that will bring them within reach of all.

Aprons — Ladies' white lawn aprons, plain and trimmed, some with bibs for nurses, good quality, now 25c.

Rugs and Art Squares—We have in a great variety of patterns and prices handsome designs that are appropriate or useful gifts to mothers, wives or sisters.

Ladies' Purses and Shopping Bags —An absolute necessity to every woman and a gift that would be greatly appreciated. Purses and card cases in all the popular colors, and each grade the best that can be bought for the price, 25c to $1.

Dress Suit Cases and Hand Bags — Big line.

Ladies' Wraps and Furs are here, ready for gift buyers and are priced very low for such a quality as they are made of. To see is to appreciate.

35c. Fringe Linen Towels, this week 25c.

Umbrellas—Another choice gift, and we have them for ladies and gentlemen in all grades, from 50c. to $2.50.

Men's fancy silk Handkerchiefs and Mufflers, 50c to $1.

Neckwear is always appreciated by the men and we claim the swellest line to be seen here. String, midget, club, four-in-hand and tecks, great variety of patterns, for 25c each.

Millinery—Our line is complete. Ladies' fancy collars 25c to $1.

Handkerchiefs—Our handkerchief stock has received special attention for the holiday trade and is the largest we have ever had—5, 10, 15 and 25c.

Shoes—And don't forget our shoes for ladies, men and children. You know what they are and they would be appreciated as a gift by man, woman and child.

Royal Cuticle Soap—Price 10 cents; sale price, 3 for 10 cents. See our window display.

Fine huck towels, 18 by 36 inches, 15c value, special price, 10c each.

Don't fail to visit our new store for toys of all kinds.

Furniture—We are headquarters in style and low in price.

GEO. O. GAYLORD.

Sole Agent for Crossett Shoes and McCall's Patterns.

Send us your mail orders. dec 11 tf

Truckers

Apply now a 100 pound bag of NITRATE OF POTASH on an acre as a top-dresser, and see what it will do.

One hundred pounds of NITRATE OF POTASH used now will have more effect than a ton of fertilizer.

Guaranteed Chemical Analysis. { Soluble Ammonia 16 per cent. Actual Potash 44 "

For sale only by

SMITH-DAVIS CO., Importers,

Wilmington, N. C. Y. M. C. A. Building.

Peruvian Guano and high grade materials of all kinds.

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ANY MAN

whose debts are paid and who has $10.00 in the Bank is a CAPITALIST. Put aside something each week or each month—SOMETHING—if only a dollar.

Deposits made with us on or before January 1st bear interest from that date at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum.

No better place in the world to keep your money safe than in

The Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.,

108 Princess Street.

J. W. NORWOOD, President. H. WALTERS, Vice-President.
C. E. TAYLOR, Jr., Cashier. de 21 tf

THE LIGHT OF THE NEW YEAR

at the end of one of VANN'S special 5c. hand-made Havana filled cigars is a guarantee of a long, sweet, happy smoke, and if you resolve to smoke these only hereafter, 1905 will be the red letter year of your life. dec 27 tf

CHRISTMAS GOODS!

Cocoanuts,
Raisins,
Mixed Nuts,
Florida Oranges (to arrive.)
Prunes,
Dried Apples,

and a full line of CANDY.

Write us for quotations before buying elsewhere.

S. P. McNAIR,

de 6 tf Wilmington, N. C.

Before Selecting

Your Xmas Gifts please call and see our

Brass Andirons,
Brass Shovel and Tong Sets,
Carving Sets,
Pocket Knives,
Razors,
Leggings,
Hunting Boots, Vests.

We have a large assortment, all of which make very acceptable gifts.

J. W Murchison & Co.,

Orton Building,

Special Agents L. & R. Powder, Peninsular Shovels and Howe Scales. dec 11 tf

SPECIAL EXCURSION TO HAVANA CUBA.

Do not miss this opportunity to visit this beautiful and gay active island, as it will afford not only opportunity for you to make a delightful trip but to the manufacturers of the South, will offer the additional opportunity to investigate the possibilities of Cuba with the view of developing their business in that country.

A personally conducted, special excursion to Havana, Cuba, January 4th, 1905, from Washington, D. C., Richmond and Norfolk, Va., and intermediate points in the States of Virginia, North and South Carolina, will connect with the Peninsular and Occidental Steamship Company's steamer leaving Port Tampa, Fla., on the night of January 5th, 1905.

The party will be limited to 150 persons, therefore reservations should be made promptly, in order to secure proper accommodations on the steamship "Olivette," the most commodious ship of the Peninsular and Occidental Steamship Company, which will convey the party to Havana.

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Ar Wilson	1 16 p m	10 25 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11 10 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 55 p m	.....
Ar Weldon	4 58 p m	1 47 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 55 p m	3 25 a m
Ar Richmond	7 45 p m	4 07 a m
Ar Washington	11 50 p m	7 54 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 43 a m	9 05 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 25 a m	11 22 a m
Ar New York	7 30 a m	2 00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No 41	No 49
Lv New York	9 35 a m	9 25 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 56 a m	12 01 a m
Ar Baltimore	2 07 p m	2 32 a m
Ar Washington	3 31 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Norfolk	.....	9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 15 p m	8 38 a m
Ar Petersburg	8 05 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Weldon	9 21 p m	11 50 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 51 p m	1 05 p m
Ar Wilson	11 39 p m	2 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	6 43 a m	4 12 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 10 a m	6 00 p m

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SOUTHBOUND

	*Daily.	Daily.	Daily
Lv Wilmington	6 00 a m	2 30 p m	6 50 p m
Ar Florence	9 35 a m	7 30 p m	9 55 p m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 25 p m	6 48 a m
Ar Savannah	6 45 p m	2 50 a m	9 05 a m
Ar Jacksonville	8 40 a m	4 40 p m	1 40 p m
Ar Tampa	7 30 p m	10 25 p m	

NORTHBOUND.

	*Daily.	Daily
Lv Tampa	8 40 p m	9 00 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 55 a m	7 10 p m
Ar Savannah	1 10 p m	1 15 a m
Ar Charleston	5 14 p m	5 55 a m
Ar Florence	7 59 p m	9 25 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 55 p m	1 40 p m

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	West Bound *Daily	East Bound *Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 10 a m	Ar 8 40 p m
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" Southern Pines	9 45 a m	11 00 p m
" Raleigh	11 40 a m	1 30 a m
" Norlina	1 35 p m	3 27 a m
Arrive Portsmouth	5 30 p m	8 30 a m
Leave Richmond	4 55 p m	6 35 a m
" Washington	8 36 p m	10 10 a m
" Baltimore	11 25 p m	11 30 a m
" Philadelphia	2 35 a m	1 45 p m
Arrive New York	6 30 a m	4 15 p m

SOUTHBOUND.	No. 31	No. 35
Leave New York	12 25 p m	9 25 p m
" Philadelphia	2 55 p m	12 12 a m
" Baltimore	5 10 p m	2 27 a m
" Washington	6 25 p m	4 30 a m
" Richmond	10 00 p m	9 10 a m
Leave Portsmouth	9 00 p m	9 25 a m
Leave Norlina	1 35 a m	1 40 p m
" Raleigh	3 35 a m	4 00 p m
" Southern Pines	5 50 a m	6 10 p m
" Hamlet	8 40 a m	7 30 p m
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m	11 50 p m

Between Wilmington and Atlanta

SOUTHBOUND.	No. 41
Leave Wilmington	10 15 p m
" Florence	6 48 a m
" Athens	8 40 a m
Arrive Atlanta	

NORTHBOUND	No. 38
Leave Atlanta	9 00 p m
" Athens	11 25 p m
" Hamlet	3 40 a m
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m

Between Wilmington and Tampa

SOUTHBOUND	No. 43
Leave Wilmington	3 00 p m
Leave Hamlet	10 10 p m
" Columbia	12 20 a m
" Savannah	4 40 a m
" Jacksonville	9 40 a m
Arrive Tampa	5 45 p m

NORTHBOUND	No. 66
Leave Tampa	8 50 a m
" Jacksonville	7 50 p m
" Savannah	12 10 a m
" Columbia	3 30 a m
" Hamlet	8 40 a m
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m

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Suburban Schedule,

In Effect December 10, 1904.

Leave Wilmington.	Leave Wrightsville.	Leave W. Beach.
†7.00 A. M.	8 15	
10 00 A. M.		12 30 P. M.
3 00 P. M.		5 00 P. M.
*5.10 P. M.	7.30 P. M.	
*10 00 P. M. (Sat'day)	10.30 P. M. (Sat'day only	

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(Daily except Sunday)

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 31,

AN ALLEGED MURDERER.

J. E. McCotter Arrested in Norfolk Co., Va., for Killing James Russell in North Carolina.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 30.—Armed with requisition papers signed by the governors of North Carolina and Virginia Sheriff Richard O. Riddick, of Gates county, arrived in Portsmouth to-day and proceeded at once to the farm of Mr. John Lindsay, in Deep Creek, Norfolk county, where he arrested J. E. McCotter, wanted in Gates county for the alleged murder of James Russell, who died about two years ago as a result, it is claimed of a blow on the head which he received at the hands of McCotter about a year prior to that time. Sheriff Riddick left for Gatesville, N. C., this afternoon, with his prisoner.

While both men were drinking, it is alleged, McCotter and Russell became involved in an altercation in a country store with the result McCotter picked up a carving-knife and dealt Russell a severe blow on the head. Although the wound did not appear to be of a dangerous character McCotter fled to this section immediately after the affair, and since that time has been employed on the farm of Lindsay in Norfolk county, Meanwhile his wife and children have been residing in Gates county, N. C.

According to Cotter he and Russell, his alleged victim, were the very best of friends and it was solely on account of an argument that the unfortunate altercation arose.

FALL RIVER MILLS.

Textile Workers Vote to Continue Strike Against Reduction of Wages.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FALL RIVER, MASS., December 30.—The labor unions involved since last July in a strike against a 12½ per cent. reduction in wages in the cotton mills of the city to-day by a vote of approximately three to one approved a continuance of the contest. The vote of the unions was 1,401 for and 420 against continuing the strike.

The call for meetings of the unions to vote on a continuance of the contest was prompted by agitation of the question whether the employes should return during the Winter for the reduction and renew the strike later if the wages were not replaced. It is stated in mill circles that the majority of the union men were ready to return to work, but that the leaders were keeping them from doing so. Accordingly it was decided to submit the question to a vote to-day, with the result that in a total of 1,821 ballots cast there was a majority of 971 in favor of continuing.

A GEORGIA PLANTER

Shot by His Wife While Attempting to Strike Her With a Chair.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

COLUMBUS, GA., Dec. 30.—William K. Schley, a prominent planter of Chattahoochee county, and late representative to the Legislature, was shot and wounded by his wife to-day with a 32 calibre revolver while he was attempting to strike her with a chair. The ball entered the left breast. Schley may recover.

Relatives who visited the Schley home to day state that Mrs. Schley did not intend to shoot her husband. They say he was trying to strike her with a chair, and she seeing a revolver lying on the table seized it to frighten him off, and it went off accidentally.

SAFE AT ANCHOR.

Schooner Singleton Palmer, Which Sailed from Boston December 5th.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The big new five-masted schooner Singleton Palmer which sailed from Boston for Newport News December 5th, and concerning whose safety much fear has been felt, was riding at anchor, safe and apparently uninjured, last Wednesday off the Maryland coast. This report was made to-day by the captain of the schooner J.B. Coyle, which arrived here to-day. The captain said that as far as he could see the Palmer had not suffered as a result of the boisterous weather. The Palmer was lying about thirty miles south-southwest of Winter Quarter shoals.

COMPARATIVE COTTON STATEMENT.

For the Week Ending Friday, December 30th, 1904.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The following is the comparative cotton statement for the week ending December 30th, 1904:

	1904.	1903.
Net receipts at all U. S. ports during the week ...	234,308	291,697
Total receipts to this date	5,871,403	5,227,676
Exports for week..	171,486	211,846
Total exports to date	4,204,566	3,733,637
Stock in all U. S. ports.	1,058,612	939,167
Stock at all interior towns.....	752,862	515,185
Stock in Liverpool,	834,000	518,000
American afloat for Great Britain ...	320,000	244,000

TOTAL NET RECEIPTS OF COTTON.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1.

Galveston, 1,728,591; New Orleans, 1,450,899, Mobile, 206,367; Savannah, 1,172,849; Charleston, 168,926; Wilmington, 260,506; Norfolk; 415,102; Baltimore, 27,384; New York, 12,499; Boston, 33,825; Newport News, 1,533; Philadelphia, 5,107; Brunswick, 128,983; Fernandina and Jax, 13,710; Pensacola, 91,444; Port Arthur, 69,831; Port Townsend, 30,869; San Francisco, 42,887; Portland, Ore., 4,981; El Paso, 750; Eagle Pass, 2,489; Laredo, 6,247; minor ports, 5,034. Total, 5,871,403.

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THE CAPTURE OF RIHLUNG FORT.

Situation at Port Arthur as Described by a Man on Russian Ship Sevastopol.

DAILY NEARING THE END.

Fortress Cannot Resist After December. Progress of the Japs—Disappointment Over Non-Arrival of the Second Pacific Squadron.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE JAPANESE ARMY BEFORE PORT ARTHUR, VIA FUSAN, Dec. 30.—Rihlung fort, captured yesteday, is the largest and the strongest of the eastern fort ridge. Tunnels for mines were cut through solid rock and two tons of dynamite were used to blow up the walls. The spectacle was magnificent and the work of the assaulters was splendid. Half the garrison was killed by the explosion of the first charge. The remainder of the Russians made a stubborn resistance. Four heavy guns, seven rapid-firing guns and two machine guns were captured, as well as thirty quick-firing guns which were stored in the fort.

A Russian's Story.

TOKIO, Dec. 30.—The Navy Department published to-night a letter written by a man on the battleship Sevastopol which had fallen into the hands of the Japanese. Following is the text of the letter:

"The fortress cannot resist after December. The progress of the enemy in reducing our principal line of outer defences is not fully known, but it is irresistible.

"We are sadly disappointed over the non-arrival of the second Pacific squadron and are daily nearing our miserable end.

"General Stoessel's so-called impregnable line of outer defence is now a myth. With 203-Meter Hill lost, the fall of Port Arthur cannot be avoided. Its capture by the Japanese means the fall of the town, however strong the other defences.

"The New Town is at the mercy of the enemy's fire. The old town alone is defendable, and here alone may resistance be prolonged.

"Two-thirds of the defenders of 203 Metre Hill were lost. The Sevastopol, which was exposed to the enemy's fire in the day time, left the harbor on the night of December 8th without being towed. She carried only 111 instead of her complement of 660 souls. When she went out she had her nets down but was struck twice by the enemy's torpedoes and was beached, irreparably damaged. General Stoessel highly praised the officers and crew of the ship.

"Fuel is almost unobtainable and it is impossible to keep our bodies warm.

"We no longer have a wireless telegraph system and have no means of communicating with the outside world. Our isolation is complete. There is no news and we have had no information for a long time.

"It is impossible to smuggle ammunition. The captain of the King Arthur brought only barley.

"There is a large hole in the hull of the Sevastopol and she is completely disabled. All that remains for those on board her is to do their utmost in repulsing the enemy's attacks.

"The enemy's torpedo boats came close to the Sevastopol and attacked her as if they were going through ordinary manœuvres.

"Should the Sevastopol sink we are to land at a place already decided upon. All are, however, prepared to fight to the very last. On us of the Sevastopol depends the duty of retaining the honor of the navy and avoiding the shame and humiliation of threatened starvation. We would rather die than be thus shamed.

"From December 1st the enemy's 10-inch shells began to fall on the deck of the Sevastopol and some of them pierced through the decks to the bottom of the ship.

"Who is responsible for the fate we face? It is he who did not give instructions for the prevention of a Japanese landing on the Liao Tung peninsula."

At Vladivostok.

CHE FOO, Dec. 31.—The British steamer Canton, just arrived from Vladivostok, reports great activity there in naval circles, every effort being made to complete the dry dock before the arrival of the second division of the Pacific squadron. Many mines have been removed because the harbor will soon be closed with ice. The cruisers now in port never leave the harbor. A passage through the ice will have to be freshly made when Admiral Skrydloff attempts to join Admiral Rojestvensky.

Fighting Near Mukden.

SIAPANTA, VIA MUKDEN, Dec. 30.—Russian artillery was engaged in an action December 29 against the Japanese south of Shakhe and near the railroad bridge, the firing continuing till 6 o'clock in the evening. The bombardment of the Japanese position was effective. The Japanese replied very slowly with shrapnel and Shimose shells and did very little damage.

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—During a violent storm in North Germany, four persons were killed and a number injured by collapsing walls.

BANKERS ARRESTED.

Cashier and President Charged With Falsification of Books of the Bank.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 30.—Cashier O. C. Lilly and President A. M. Traver, of the First National Bank, of Connaut, Ohio, were placed under arrest at Connaut to-day by United States Marshal Chandler, upon a warrant charging the bankers with a violation of the national banking laws, the specific charge in Mr. Little's case being the making of a false entry in the books of the bank, changing the sum of $233,605 to read $223,605. Mr. Traver is charged in the warrant with being an accomplice of the cashier in the alleged falsification.

The First National Bank of Connaut closed its doors nearly two weeks ago after a run upon it the previous day. The bank has a capital stock of $50,000. The cause of the run the bankers said at the time was that the report had gained currency that Mrs. Chadwick had succeeded in securing large loans from it. The bank officials deny holding any Chadwick paper.

In the United States Circuit Court at Charleston Judge Brawley filed an opinion declaring unconstitutional the law recently passed by the South Carolina Legislature prohibiting the shipment or transportation of shad fish beyond the limits of the State.

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

Bradstreet's Report of Conditions Shows No Activity in Distributive Trade. Slump in Cotton Affects South.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Bradstreet's to-morrow will say:

Distributive trade generally is marking time while past results and future prospects are subjects of consideration. A period of marked, even unexpected, activity in holiday goods of higher than usual quality, has brought to a close a year which because of marked improvement in the last quarter has ended better than it begun and certainly in far better shape than seemed possible at the turn of the year. Wholesale trade is naturally of the lightest at this season of stock-taking and inventory, and stormy weather and the flurry in raw cotton have been additional chilling influences. Rather less than the usual annual clearing sales have occurred because of the notable absence of stocks of finished goods pressing for sale. Collections show some effect from the recent heavy circulation of money in retail lines in enlarged receipts.

Industry is of notably large volume for this season of the year, especially in iron and steel and kindred lines of manufacture. The cotton goods manufacturing trade has, however, been again unsettled by the slump in cotton to below cost of production.

Southern trade feels the slump in cotton keenly, but there is a disposition to believe that the South will not sacrifice its product at below cost of production.

Business failures for the week ending December 29th number 318 against 309 the like week in 1903.

HATTERAS SHOALS WRECK.

Rescue of Men on Steamer Northeastern a Record Breaker in the Annals of the Virginia-Carolina Coast.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 30.—Captain W. J. Lynch, of the steamship Northeastern, which was wrecked Tuesday night on Diamond Shoals and whose crew was brought safely ashore yesterday through nine miles of rough sea by life-savers, has given up his ship as a total loss. James W. Elwell, New York agent for the ship, has been advised that when the crew was rescued the Northeastern was going to pieces. Her backbone had broken and the oil in her tanks was beginning to run out. Everything belonging to the ship and crew is lost, including the ship's papers, and log book.

The rescue of the twenty two men from the Northeastern by the United States life savers of Hatteras and Kinnakeet, under Captains Etheridge and Peel, is a record-breaker in the annals of the Virginia-Carolina coast. The Northeastern struck eleven miles off shore and was carried two miles over the shoal before she struck. The nine miles of sea between the coast and the vessel is over treacherous sand bars, and forms one of the roughest parts of the Atlantic seaboard. The life savers pulled their surf boats over the eighteen miles to and from the wreck without the loss of a man and each boat carried twenty men on the return trip.

FIERCE GALE IN ENGLAND.

Serious Floods in London—Terrific Hurricane Caused Loss of Life in Belgium.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LONDON, December 30.—A fierce gale from the Atlantic swept over the United Kingdom to-day. Mountainous seas were reported along the coasts. A number of marine disasters were reported.

The gale resulted in an abnormally high tide on the eastern coast of England producing serious floods in the low lying parts of London, where hundreds of warehouses and residences were inundated and serious damage was done. It was the highest tide at London for many years, the water almost overswceping the Thames embankment and the steps of Cleopatra's Needle being covered.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 30.—Many persons were killed or injured in Belgium by a terrific hurricane to-day, which also caused much damage to property.

BYNUM MAY SURRENDER.

Aftermath of Tragedy at Raleigh—Fayetteville and Maxton Enterprises.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec 30.—There is a strong probability that Raymond D. Bynum, the slayer of J. A. Alford, will be arrested to-morrow or rather that he will surrender himself. He is believed to be within a few miles of the city in hiding. Officers and friends of Bynum are very reluctant but talk of his surrendering himself. The coroner's inquest to-day resulted in a verdict that Alford came to his death by pistol shot wounds fired by Bynum, Alford's remains will be buried with Masonic honors at 10:30 in the morning.

A charter was issued to-day for the Southern Real Estate Company, of Fayetteville, $50,000 capital authorized and $4,500 subscribed by F. H. Cotton, W. F. Blount and Chas. G. Ross. The company proposes to do a general real estate rental agency business. Another charter was granted to Maxton Mercantile Company, of Maxton, N. C., incorporators W. S. McNair and H. O. McNair. The capital is $4,500 subscribed and $50,000 authorized.

BAIL FOR NAN PATTERSON.

May Irwin, the actress, Offers any amount Up to $50,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—May Irwin, the actress, has offered to furnish bail in any amount up to $50,000 for the release of Nan Patterson from the Tombs prison where she is now held charged with the murder of Caesar Young, according to an announcement made by Miss Patterson's counsel. Miss Irwin called personally at the Tombs prison to-day and left a letter addressed to the former show girl and the announcement followed a few minutes after Miss Irwin went away.

When District Attorney Jerome's attention was called to the offer of bail he said he had no statement to make, and was not prepared to say what course the prosecution would take. Miss Patterson's bail before the recent mistrial was $20,000 but after the jury's disagreement she was remanded without bail.

Four men were last night shot and slightly injured in a fight at Indiana Harbor, thirty miles from Chicago. The shooting was done by Frederick Kroner, an employe of the American Steel and Wire Company, the injured men being his fellow workmen.

THE EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

Gathering of Representative Men of the South at the Convention in Jacksonville.

ADDRESS OF GOV. AYCOCK.

Other Addresses at the Opening Session. Papers Read—Committees Were Appointed—Officers Elected for the Ensuing Year.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA, Dec. 30.—The first session of the Southern Educational Asoication to-day discussed the Forward Movement, which was participated in by Superintendent of Public Schools Merrit, of Georgia, Superintendent Hill, of South Carolina, President O. B. Martin, of the State Normal School of South Carolina, President Charles McIver of the State Normal school of North Carolina, Dr. Purington of the University of West Virginia, Dr. Abercrombie, of Alabama, and Dr. Andrew Shedd of the University of Florida. Governer Aycok, of North Carolina, occupied a box during the session and followed the proceedings closely. The attendance is large and the interest in the work is active.

While the Southern Educational Association held no regular afternoon session, a number of its departments met and listened to addresses.

The committee appointed for the purpose reported a constitution and by laws which will be acted on at the session of the Association to-morrow.

At the meeting of the department of superintendents, papers were read by Superintendent S. Phillips, of Lee county, Alabama, on "Things Not Seen," and by Lawton B. Evans, of Augusta, Ga., on the securing and training of competent teachers.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—J. H. Vansickle, Baltimore.

Vice President—Lawton B. Evans, Augusta, Ga.

Secretary—Allen J. Barwick, superintendent of city schools, Thomasville, Ga.

Gov. Aycock's Address.

After quoting from a tribute paid the people of the South by the late Senator Hoar in an address delivered at Charleston a few years ago, in which he predicted that a great and magnificent future for our country was to be based in large part on the strength and beauty of the South, Governor Aycock said:

"The question now arises among us, however, as to whether, despite this prediction, we have any large part in the life of this nation, and if not, how can we secure and make good our proper share in the affairs of the country."

"It seemed," said Governor Aycock, "that to-day we have less effect upon the thought and action of the nation than at any period of our history." Before the civil war, he added, Southern statesmen directed the politics of the nation and filled the largest in the eye of the people. They wrote few books but the speeches illuminated every suabject which they touched, and set the fashion of political thought, but "in this day it is not too much to say that what any Southern man thinks of political questions or governmental duty carries no weight in their final settlement." The only remedy for the Southern of to-day, the nation, he declared, was universal education. The people of the South must build their own foundation of character, temperament and inherited traits. Continuing, he said:

"We must not repudiate but develop; we must seek out and appreciate our distinctive traits, our own traditions, our deep-rooted tendencies, and read our destiny in their interpretation. We must put away vain glory and boasting and take an impartial inventory of all the things we have and are; and these things can come to us only through the training of all our citizenship."

Gov. Aycock called attention to the fact that the South to-day had its Hills, its Lamars, its Becks, its Vests, its Vances and its Hamptons, "all of them products of the period before the war," but said no man could go throughout the country and lay hand on the head of any single child any say, "here is a Lamar, a Vance, a Vest, a Hill, a Hampton, or a Beck." It was the business of the school "to find for us these splendid children and develop them into these great leaders."

If, he went on, he believed in universal education, for no other reason that would be for him a sufficient one.

After declaring that the finest things can be done only by the education of the masses, Governor Aycock said:

"It is education that finds and brings out for us the noblest and the best. It stimulates these best to the utmost exertion and fullest development by putting them in competition with others just as well trained as themselves, and it gives to us the noblest and most appreciative audiences. When this thought shall become the guiding thought of the South and our school teachers shall work all the time to their utmost until every son and daughter of the South is the one thing that Almighty God intended—then, and not until then, shall we take our rightful place in the American union." To do that, he said in conclusion, would cost much money, toil and sacrifice, but everything that was worth while always did cost much and the finest things could be secured only at the highest prices and then only when paid for in advance.

SAW YOUNG SHOOT HIMSELF.

Important Revelation by Wealthy Client of a Georgia Judge.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SAVANNAH, GA., Dec. 29.—Judge D. D. Twiggs, of this city, has just written to Nan Patterson's lawyers in New York, informing them that a wealthy client of his saw "Caesar" Young fire the shot which ended his life. He is W. B. Myers. While in Judge Twigg's office he told him of witnessing a man shoot himself, in a cab in New York. Judge Twiggs was surprised at not reading Myers testimony in the newspapers. To-day he referred the matter to Myer's and the letter to Nan Patterson's lawyers is the result.

Church Notices.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex. D. McClure, D. D., pastor. Sabbath services at 11:00 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sabbath School at 3:30 P. M. Prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday at 8 P. M. The public invited. Seats free.

Religious services will be conducted at the Seaman's Bethel to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, by Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D. Seamen and rivermen are especially invited. All are welcome.

First Baptist Church, corner Fifth and Market streets, Rev. Fred D. Hale, D. D., pastor. Preaching to-morrow at 11 A. M and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school 3:30 P. M. Prayer and praise worship Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. Baptist Young People's Union Friday night at 7:30 o'clock. The public cordially invited to all services.

Colonel A. M. Looney, major in the Confederate service, and member of the legislature in 1887, died at Columbia, Tenn. He formerly had much influence in Tennessee politics.

REPORT ON COTTON GINNED.

Final Bulletin of the Census Bureau Showing 11,971,477 Bales Ginned Up to December 13th Last.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The final bulletin of the Census Bureau on cotton ginned in the United States up to December 13, places the number of bales at 11,971,477, counting round bales as half bales. The items are: 11,747,403 square; 276,692 round and 85,728 Sea Island. The total number of all kinds of bales reported was 12,109,823. The totals reported for the various States:

Alabama, 1,339,937; Arkansas, 769,782; Florida, 75,713; Georgia, 1,796,195; Indian Territory, 431,969; Kentucky, 1 252; Louisiana, 893,192; Mississippi, 1,415,858; Missouri, 39,653; North Carolina, 656,136; Oklahoma, 294,041; South Carolina, 1085,735; Tennessee, 271.870; Texas, 3,030,433; Virginia, 15,101.

These figures cover the reports made by the agents of the Census Bureau up to December 13 last, and are the total for that canvass. Up to the same date in 1903, 86.8 of the entire crop had been ginned, while in 1902, 84 per cent, had been ginned up to that date.

There will be two more canvasses, one taking the work up to January 16 next, and a final one up to the same date in March.

THE COTTON CROP.

President of the Ginners' Association Says the Government Report is Totally Incorrect.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 30.—At a meeting of a number of ginners of Georgia and Alabama here to-day two vice presidents were named from Georgia to attend the next convention of cotton ginners, to be held in Dallas, Texas. President J.A. Taylor, of the National Ginners' Association, was present and urged the ginners to retain information regarding cotton produced.

Among other things he said: "The government report of the cotton crop is totally incorrect. The reports are as far wrong as anything I know. Many ginners did not count their bales correctly, often adding many hundred bales more than they had in reality ginned. In many instances, the number of bales ginned was guessed at. I have come to the conclusion that I and the other ginners were chumps for giving out the reports."

AFFRAY AMONG NEGROES.

One Man Dead and another Seriously Wounded—Result of a Quarrel

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 30.—One man is dead, another has a serious bullet wound in his head and the dead man's brother is under arrest charged with the shooting as a result of a quarrel in a negro lodging house in West 29th street. The prisoner's wife is detained by the police as a witness. All the parties in the affair are negroes. The dead man was Cassius N. Green, about 30 years old, and the one with a bullet in his head is John Brown, 35 years of Philadelphia, and the prisoner is Sterling Green. Sterling was arrested after a chase on Broadway after he had made a threatening demonstration with a revolver against two detectives in a saloon. The police say he has confessed that he fired the shots in a quarrel. The cause of the quarrel has not been explained.

SEABOARD STOCKS ADVANCE.

Reports of Interests Getting Together Has Salubrious Effect Upon Securities.

Yesterday afternoon's Baltimore Sun has the following of interest:

The stocks of the Seaboard Air Line system continued firm in the dealings at the Baltimore Stock Exchange yesterday, the common selling up to 18 5-8 and closing at 18 1-4, while the preferred rose to 37 1-2, closing at the highest figure.

There was much gossip as to the action of the directors in New York on Wednesday, though no one here seemed to have definite knowledge of what had been done. The impression was general, however, that the system would work out favorably, and it was on this theory that most of the buying was done.

A local banking house which has close connection with Mr. Thomas F. Ryan made the positive statement that a harmony of interests had been established between the large holders of stock in and around New York, and that it knew much of the recent buying had come from these sources, which desired to increase their holdings at the present level of prices.

President Roosevelt has decided upon several changes in the diplomatic service. Joseph H. Choate, ambassador to the court of St. James, will be succeeded by Whitelaw Reid, proprietor of the New York Tribune.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

☞ NOTICES For Rent or Sale, Lost or Found Wants, and other short miscellaneous Advertisements inserted in this Department, in solid Nonpariel Type, for 1 cent per word each insertion; but no advertisement taken for less than 50 cents. Terms positively cash in advance

Wanted—Salesmen of ability and neat appearance to call on merchants in their territory; elegant side line convenient to carry; good commission; prompt remittance. Belmont Mf'g Co., Cincinnati, O. dec 31 1t

Lost—Small brown pocket-book containing $3.00. Finder will be rewarded by leaving same at STAR Office. dec 31 3t

Mules for Sale—We offer five good mules in excellent condition at a low price for cash. Alex. Sprunt & Son. dec 30 4t

Groceries at Cost—Every family has to eat. Why not buy your groceries from yourself You then get them at cost. You must be interested in saving money on your grocery bill. Let us explain to you how it can all be done Drop us a postal card and we will send our representative to call on you and explain our plan. Only a limited number more can be admitted. Address The Co-operative Grocery Co., city. dec 30 1w

Italian String Band—First and Second Violin and Harp. Will furnish music for all occasions. Address John Francisco, 308 Walnut street, Wilmington, N. C. de 29 1w

Ladies—That old machine, or new one, may be giving you some trouble. Let me know by postal card at 114 Walnut st. Will comeat once to your residence. 30 years experience. J. B. Farrar. de 23 4t

For Sale—South of Market. Eight Houses renting for $31 per Month. Price $2 950. North of Market, 2 houses and lots for $1,000. Apply to H. C. Darby & Co., Real Estate Agents, 114½ Princess street. de 23 tf

Call on A. S. Winstead for Oranges, Apples, Bananas, Irish Potatoes, and all kinds of country produce. A. S. Winstead, 315 Market street. Bell 'Phone 203. dec 22 tf

Mechanics' Home Association will open new series S. and L. stock Jan. 7th, 1905. Subscribe now. Nathaniel Jacobi, President; W. H. Cumming, Secretary and Treasurer. dec 21 tf

We want to put a velvet collar on your Overcoat. Wilmington Pressing Club. no 5 tf

Hello! Call phone No. 1129. D. A. Rowan, Practical Tin and Sheet Iron Worker, Plumber and Gas Fitter, 218 Market St. no 20 3 m

Furnished rooms for rent. Hot and cold bath on same floor. Apply 219 Walnut street, two blocks from A. C. L. Station. nov 17 tf

We Pay Your City Car Fare on Purchases Amounting to $2.00 and Over.

REHDER'S,

We Pay Transportation Charges on Out of Town Orders Amounting to $5 & over

WE GIVE PREMIUM PUNCH CARDS.

WE WISH YOU A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

To all that contributed this year to the success of this business we extend our thanks and appreciation. In 1905 we will offer very special inducements for your trade. It will be to your interest to come to this store often to keep in touch with the many good values offered each day. Out out of town customers should write us often in 1905 for samples and prices. Remember we pay transportation charges on amounts of $5 and over. If the goods are not as represented return them at our expense.

Two Special Sales For January.

"THE CLEARING SALE."

The Clearing Sale comes First. All goods bought in 1904 will be sold At Cost.

Watch for the date.

"THE WHITE SALE"

Follows the Clearing Sale.

Only New White Goods offered at very special prices.

Watch for the date.

J. H. REHDER & CO.,

dec 30 tf

615, 617, 619 North Fourth Streets

The Morgan Line steamer Louisiana, for New York, went ashore during the fog Thursday night 35 miles below the city of New Orleans. Assistance has been sent to her.

Quality is what makes price. If Burnett's Vanilla Extract was no better than other extracts, its price would be the same. Once tried always used.

Cut.

Cut—which determines the "hang"—is the tell-tale of beauty and grace in an Overcoat; the touchstone that tests the skill of the maker. The least expensive Overcoat here shows accurate cut and tasteful tailoring. We've won leadership deservedly.

OVERCOATS	$10
OVERCOATS	$12
OVERCOATS	$15
OVERCOATS	$18
OVERCOATS	$20
OVERCOATS	$22.50

J. M. SOLKY & CO.

One Price Clothiers and Furnishers.

dec 3 2t

A CARD.

To Our Friends and Patrons:

Another year has passed away, and we hope you have made the best of it. We wish to thank you for business given us and we trust to be permitted to again serve your interests in the future as we have faithfully tried to do in the past.

Yours,

F. E. HASHAGEN CO.,

Wholesale Grocers.

dec 25 tf

Happy New Year.

This last leaf is torn from the calendar and we write down a new year, 1905, and we begin where we left off. But we begin right,

There will be no step backward.

Within the year your store has grown in volume and prestige and commands increased respect. In

Wishing You a Happy New Year

and thanking you for our growth and prosperity, we promise better things—improvements in merchandise, methods and store service.

Your store shall be something better than a place to hand out goods and take in money. May the new year be kind, and when time shall harvest 1905, may we all be here and able to say Happy New Year.

The A. David Co.,

Clothiers and Haberdashers.

dec 29 tf

We Have An Excellent No. 2 Chestnut ANTHRACITE COAL

Suitable for small coal burners and self-feeding Stoves, that we are selling at $5.50 per ton.

No. 1 Chestnut, Anthracite - -	$6 50 per ton
Jellico Coal, best - - - - - - - -	5,50 " "
Virginia Bituminous Lump - - -	5,00 " "

We respectfully solicit your orders.

Wm. E. Worth & Co.

nov 4 tf

NEW HATS

Four hundred and fifty new ready to wear Hats just arrived. Also a big lot Cloaks, Waists, Skirts and Petticoats. Our line is now complete and everything is up to date in style and prices. Our stock is much larger than before, and am sure we can make it to your advantage if you call on us before buying.

PARIS MILLINERY EMPORIUM,

oc 14 tf

129 Market Street, Wilmington, N. C.

Christmas Books

Fancy Goods, Novelties and Toys.

Pictures, Calendars, Cards.

Beautiful line Holiday Goods to be sold this week at

C. W. Yates & Co.,

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Market Street.

Apples, Bananas, Oranges, Lemons

Cabbage, Potatoes, Onions, Dried Apples, Beans. Our Specialties.

J. S. FUNCHESS & CO.,

Wholesale Fruit and Produce,

dec 25 tf

108 North Water street, Wilmington, N. C.

Atlantic Trust & Banking Co.

WILMINGTON, N. C., December 28, 1904.

The Directors of Atlantic Trust and Banking Co. have declared a dividend of 3 per cent., payable January 1st, 1905, to stockholders of record, December 28th, 1904.

MILTON CALDER,

dec 29 tf

Cashier.